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An Australian youth was charged with arson as firefighters battle to contain bushfires that have killed 69 persons in the past two days. — Page 24

Soviets offer to trim troops

MOSCOW, Feb. 18 (AP) — The Soviet Union said Friday it was willing to withdraw 20,000 troops from central Europe if the United States puts out 13,000 soldiers in an "initial practical step" toward major force reductions in the region.

Col. Gen. Nikolai Chernov of the Soviet armed forces general staff said the Soviet-U.S. troop reductions — 5 percent of each side's existing troops in central Europe — would take place over a one-year period and be monitored by each side.

"It will be necessary to agree in particular on the procedure for monitoring the withdrawals of Soviet and American troops. It is thought that this should not be an obstacle," Chernov said, providing details of the Soviet offer Thursday at the mutual and balanced force reduction talks in Vienna.

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U.K., Norway cut oil prices by \$3

they extract from a barrel of North Sea oil.

The industry will now be looking to see how the spot market reacts to the news from BNOC. A major foreign buyer told Reuters he expected spot prices to drop below \$29 next week but said they were likely to recover within 10 days.

Spokesmen for several oil majors, which operate as buyers and suppliers, said the \$3 a barrel cut for the main North Sea grades was smaller than expected. They said acceptance of the recommendation did not rule out future pressure for further cuts if spot prices stayed significantly below the new level.

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Nigeria set to follow suit

LAGOS, Feb. 18 (R) — Nigeria, a member of OPEC, plans to cut its oil prices next week to the same as the new North Sea pricing levels, industry sources said Friday.

They said Nigeria's high-quality Bonny Light crude, now priced at \$35.50 a barrel, would be reduced to \$30 or \$30.50 depending on the level set for the equivalent quality of North Sea oil.

Jordan, Romania back PLO demand

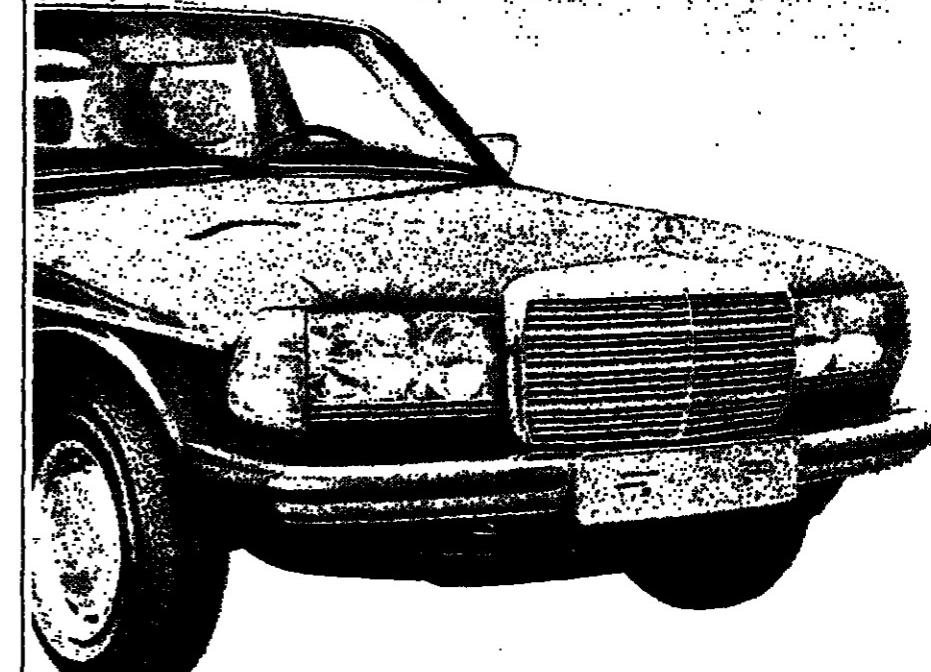
BUCHAREST, Feb. 18 (AP) — King Hussein of Jordan and President Nicolae Ceausescu called Friday for establishment of an independent Palestinian state and urged convening an international conference to try and settle the dispute between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

The suggestions came in a communiqué released to the official press at the end of a one-day visit in which the Jordanian monarch had two rounds of private talks with Ceausescu.

The king, regarded as a key figure in settling the Middle East conflict, was headed for Yugoslavia and planned to visit Britain after his visit there.

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Premier Sun lauds King's peace efforts

Taiwan affirms support for Fahd's plan

JEDDAH, Feb. 18 — Nationalist China Premier Sun Yun-suan has praised King Fahd's vigorous efforts to achieve lasting peace and justice in the Middle East, saying that the government of the Republic of China has repeatedly expressed support for the Fahd peace plan.

"We admire the vigorous and constructive efforts of His Highness King Fahd to ensure justice and lasting peace in the Middle East. The government of the Republic of China has repeatedly and publicly proclaimed its supports for the Fahd peace plan. We consider it a practical formula for solving the Middle Eastern issue. We sincerely hope that the various parties concerned will undertake a common effort to solve the problem on this basis at an early date," Premier Sun said in an interview with Thamer Al-Maiman published in *Al-Madina* newspaper Saturday.

On Taiwan's relations with the Arab world, Sun said the Republic of China and Arab states have a long-standing historical and cultural relationship.

"As a result of this lengthy contact, they have absorbed each other's cultural essence, assumed a similar anti-Communist stand and embraced common moral principles," he said. "On the basis of these identical interests, the two sides have contributed greatly to the cultural progress of mankind."

Asked his opinion on the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in June 1982, Sun attacked military interference by any nation. "The Republic of China cherishes peace and freedom. We believe the interests and dignity of Middle Eastern peoples should be upheld and that the peace and stability of the Arab states should be effectively safeguarded."

"Lebanon is no exception," he said. "Military interference by any nation constitutes a grave breach of the ceasefire. This will aggravate tension in the Middle East."



Sun Yun-suan

have set up branches in Taipei. This shows that relations are becoming increasingly closer," Sun emphasized.

He branded the relationship between Peking and Washington as a marriage of expediency. "They will never attain genuine friendship and cooperation," Sun said.

Asked about the implications of the Cultural Revolution in Communist China, Sun said it has brought poverty and backwardness to the Chinese mainland.

"Since the Chinese Communists seized the mainland, they have inflicted untold damage on the Chinese cultural tradition and social system," he said. "This has brought poverty and backwardness to the Chinese mainland. The Cultural Revolution was nothing less than condoned vandalism," he explained.

"Since the Cultural Revolution, the Chinese Communist regime has had to make slight policy changes in an attempt to heal their wounds and quell the resistance of the people. At the same time, they have tried to take advantage of the changes to extract capital and technology from the West."

"We must understand that the Chinese Communists are still sticking to their so-called 'four cardinal principles' of the Socialist road, dictatorship of the proletariat (the term was changed into the people's democratic dictatorship in the new constitution in an effort to gloss over the reality), leadership by the Communist party, and Marxism-Leninism and Mao Tse-tung thought."

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and jeopardize the peace and stability of the region. We think any such action should be censured and effectively halted."

On other subjects, the Chinese premier admitted that U.S. recognition of the Chinese Communist regime has had strong repercussions on Taiwan's external relations.

"But this has not had so much effect on our relations with Western European nations," he said. "We believe our strengthening of economic, trade and cultural ties with Europe benefits both sides. The facts bear out this assessment."

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Production capacity to reach 5,000 Mw by 1985

Electric power totals 4,300 Mw in E. Province

DAMMAM, Feb. 18 (SPA) — Electric power generated in the Eastern Province has reached 4,300 megawatts (Mw) to meet the considerable growth of consumption in this industrial area, Abdullah Saleh Juma'a, director of the Saudi Consolidated Electric Company (SCECO), said.

In an interview with SPA, Juma'a said the production capacity would reach 5,000 Mw by the end of 1985, in addition to 2,000 Mw by the Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC) which generated electricity as a co-product of sea-water desalination.

Juma'a who is also SCECO's board member, added that subscribers of the company had totalled 317,000 consumers in addition to ARAMCO which consumes 60 percent of generated power to operate its oil installations and projects throughout the region.

SCECO Eastern Province has completed

providing Al-Ihsa 62 villages with electric power through high voltage network, Juma'a said.

Electric power has been supplied to more villages in Wadi Al Myah, in the north.

During the coming four months, 37 villages will be supplied without electricity in Samman region while more electric power will be supplied to other villages near Hafr Al-Batin.

Juma'a said SCECO had drawn up a gigantic program to keep pace with the big development projects and progress witnessed all over the country in general and the Eastern Province in particular. Some electrification projects have been implemented by SCECO last year including generating, transmission, and distribution networks and other installations, he added.

The company has also expanded its network in 1982 to meet new development projects demands. He added that studies and

plans were completed recently to expand transmission and contribution networks to meet peak loads expected in the Eastern Province, including Dammam, Qatif and Ihsa.

Referring to the company's under-construction projects, Juma'a said SCECO electric power would reach residential districts of National Guard employees in Dammam, Ihsa, the new military hospital in Dharan, the Eastern Province's new airport and drinking water station which pumps water from desalinated water from Jubail to Riyadh.

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Dr. Muhammad added that the total number of normal and foreign trade transactions carried out by the bank since its creation until about four months ago stood at 304 operations amounting to 2,350 million Islamic dinars or \$2,866 million.

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Criminals beheaded

RIYADH (SPA) — Two convicted criminals were beheaded here Friday for strangling to death a six-year-old boy. Abdullah Abdul Rahman Al-Barrak and Khaled ibn Muhammad ibn Fahd Al-Tulaihi were executed after the noon prayers at Al-Adl (Justice) Square for the murder of Bandar bin Mubarak ibn Abdullah Al-Duseri.

The Interior Ministry issued a statement reaffirming the government's unwavering determination to consolidate security and to deter criminals and all those who dare disturb the peace and stability of the country.

Delegates return

JEDDAH (SPA) — Foreign Undersecretary Abdul Aziz Thunayan and an accompanying delegation returned here Friday from New Delhi after a three-day official visit to India. The delegation had talks with Indian officials on ways of developing bilateral relations and issues related to the nonaligned summit, due to be held in New Delhi next month. The undersecretary also met with Indian Premier Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

Qur'an print restriction

JEDDAH — The Information Ministry has urged all advertising agencies and print shops in Saudi Arabia not to print verses from the Holy Qur'an or the sayings of the Holy Prophet on calendars, ads, cards, placards or any such material, *Al-Jazirah* reported Friday. The move is aimed at avoiding such holy scriptures being misused, neglected or thrown away in inadequate places.



Muhammad Ghulam Ghouse

Saud opens IDB session next month

JEDDAH, Feb. 18 (SPA) — Prince Saud Ibn Abdul Mohsen, deputy governor of the Makkah province, is due to open here in March the seventh annual session of the Islamic Development Bank's (IDB) board of governors with the participation of finance ministers of member states. Deliberations will cover the activities of the bank over the past year and its financial standing.

In an interview with SPA, IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammed outlined the progress made by the bank since its establishment. He said the total number of loans granted until about four months ago stood at 46 and amounted to over 258 million Islamic dinars or \$310 million.

Dr. Mohammad said the bank had contributed to the capital of 34 projects amounting to about 159 million Islamic dinars or \$195 million.

The number of technical assistance cases provided to member countries stood at 33 amounting to about 18 million Islamic dinars or \$21 million.

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Social security benefits

OATIF — Some SR88 million has been distributed to subscribers to the social security system in Asir and Qatif and more is being disbursed, *Oktar* reported Friday. New cases are also under consideration. A sum of SR63 million was paid to 15,000 persons in Asir, and another SR25.5 million was handed over to 6,800 beneficiaries in Qatif.

Gabriel shock absorber assembly plant considered

RIYADH, Feb. 18 — The possibility of setting up an assembly unit for the Gabriel shock-absorbers in the Kingdom is being explored by their distributor Muhammad Sulaiman al-Sabt, according to J.R. Bicego, regional sales director of Maremono Corp. (Chicago).

Bicego said this at a function held at the Riyad Mariott Wednesday when he presented a gold-plated shock-absorber to al-Sabt, who has branches all over the Kingdom, for setting a sales record last year.

Saudi-Indian venture

Techno-economic survey on agriculture planned

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 18 — The Agricultural Finance Corporation (AFC), an Indian company, with the assistance of Bin Laden organization, is trying to draw up a techno-economic plan for the Kingdom's agriculture and allied activities so that investment in these areas may be in conformity with the national goal, according to AFC Chairman Muhammad Ghulam Ghouse.

Ghouse is heading a team of six technical experts to the Kingdom, as a follow-up of the Bin Laden delegation's visit to India last October. Other members of the mission include R.R. Raykar, the organization's inputs and horticultural expert; A.N. Alam, hydrogeologist and irrigation expert; Dr. D.M. Balbir, livestock and modern abattoir and meat processing expert; Dr. P.S. Kundu, irrigation engineer and on-farm development expert; and Dr. I. Qureshi, plantation, forestry, semi-arid and arid areas development expert.

The corporation, with an authorized capital of Rs. 1 billion (\$125 million), is an accredited consultant to the Islamic Development Bank, in addition to being a consultant to the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Asian Develop-

ment Bank, and the African Development Bank and Commonwealth Secretariat, Britain.

Ghouse told Arab News that since his visit here last June, AFC has formulated many projects for the Asian Development Bank. It has prepared the National Livestock Development program in Sri Lanka and provided technical experts for the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) mission to Indonesia, Philippines, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal. It was also listed for the IFAD's rural development project in Lissot and recently it was selected for the ADB-sponsored Land Use Development Project in Solomon Islands in the Pacific. All these projects were based on global tenders, he added.

While in Jeddah, the team had meetings with some of the top industrial and business groups interested in farm development, dairy and agro-based industrial projects. They visited farms of some prospective clients and met with IDB officials.

"The priority given to agriculture and allied industries in the Kingdom will lead the country to self-sufficiency. The goal is attainable and with concerted efforts, it can be speeded up as seen in the achievements made in rice production," said Ghouse.



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Work on 6,000-line phone project in Makkah to be finished in March

MAKKAH, Feb. 18 (SPA) — There are 60,000 telephone lines operating here out of a total 97,000 lines within Makkah's exchanges. Work on a 6,000 line exchange called "Al-Umrah Central" will be completed next month. The exchange will serve the area from the Tameem to Nawwaryah districts. The area is now served by Bayyan 32,000 line exchange.

Meanwhile, work has started on the micro-wave building and tower at Sharie's Mujahideen Central to provide 1,000 lines. The latter will supplement the 2,000 line exchange of Jomou District. Jomou and neighboring areas are served by a microwave.

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By Al Hamra Nova-Park Hotel

Six food, trade festivals planned

By K.S. Ramakumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 18 — Six food and trade festivals, including a Gulf food and handicraft fair, as well as exhibitions of Egyptian antiques and Indian carpets and jewelry, are among the events planned by the Al Hamra Nova-Park Hotel here.

The festivals begin in March with a Swiss food and trade festival, followed by an Egyptian food and antique show, and Filipino and Swedish food and trade exhibits, each running from 10 to 14 days, and a special Gulf week in conjunction with the Gulf Air, according to the hotel general manager, Max Metzger.

Metzger told *Arab News* that 1982 was an "extremely successful year" for the hotel, with the various fairs and festivals becoming popular. The Turkish Food and Handicraft Festival, the Kenyan Safari and the 1,001 Nights in Paris certainly provided some very



Max Metzger

Al-Sheikh OKs farm projects

Riyadh, Feb. 18 (SPA) — Licenses for projects totaling SR51,793,066 were delivered here recently by Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh.

The first SR14,847,554 project in Sudair will produce 1,470 tons of wheat, 1,260 tons of maize and 1,275 tons of green fodder per year.

The second SR3,950,153 project in Dammam provides for the production of half a million chickens a year. The third SR13,118,786 project in Qasim calls for the production of 2,300 head of cattle annually.

The fourth SR3,544,600 project also in Qasim will produce 1,850 head of cattle per year. The fifth SR5,157,284 project in the Western Province will produce 15 million eggs annually.

The sixth SR11,178,689 project in Qassim will produce 22 million eggs annually.

The projects were all approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Water and referred to the agricultural bank for action only after the ministry ascertained that they were viable in the light of their respective economic feasibility studies.



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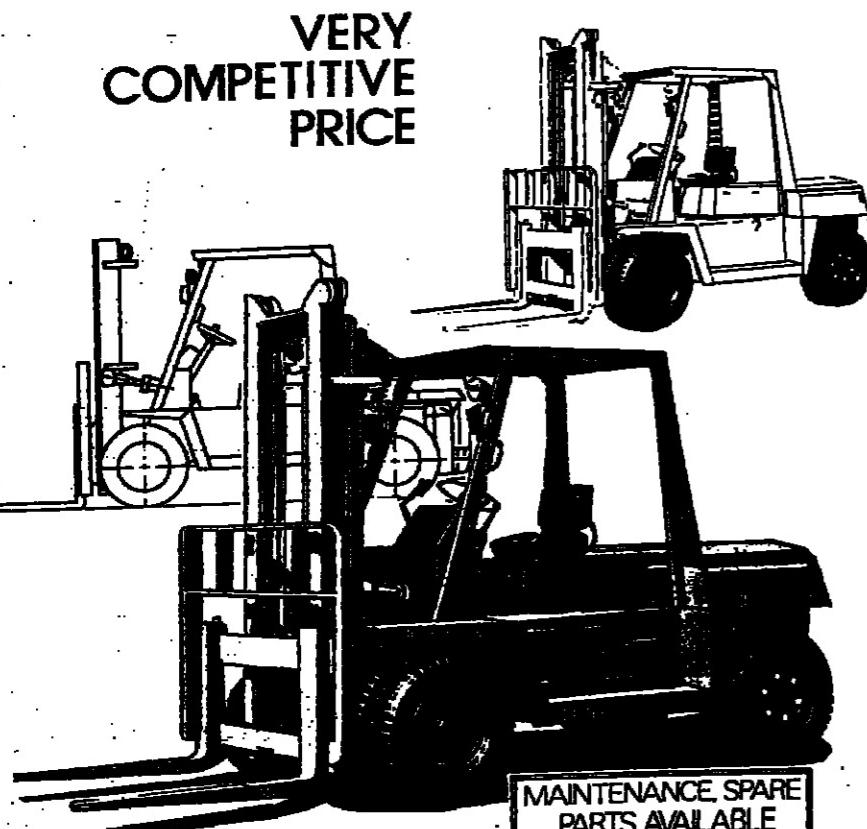
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STAFF HONORED: Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo recently held a reception to honor its senior staff for putting in long services of 20 years and more. Seen here (from left) are Ali Kanoo, deputy chairman Abdul Aziz Kanoo and chairman Abdullah Kanoo, with one of the honored staff members.

Kanoo group honors staff, awards prizes

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 18 — The Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo group honored 22 of its senior staff members at a function held recently in Dammam. Prizes were awarded for employees working for 20 years or more with the establishment.

The company chairman Abdulla Kanoo presided over the function. Deputy Chairman Abdul Aziz Kanoo and Ali Kanoo were present at the reception attended by the company's huge staff.

The recipients of the awards included Muhammad Isa, Ali Muhammad Jabran, Khalifa Sultan Ali, Ahmed Khalifa Al Sakra, P.K. Govindan, K.S.K. Nair, Abdul Rouf Al Jesi, Abdulla Ahmed Aoudh, Socrate Al Dias, Abdul Kareem bin Hasan, J.C.B. Fernandes, Aboud Al Amoudi, Abdulla Al Taibi, Muhammad Al Katian, P.D.F. D'souza, E.G.G. Glespy, Ali Isa Kartas, Ali Abdulla Al Zahran, Mishal Al Taibi, Ahmed Abdul Aziz Al Asur, Ali Muhammad Salam and P.K. Joshi.

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Israeli bid to disarm French convoy foiled

BEIRUT, Feb. 18 (AP) — Israeli troops were reported Friday to have tried to disarm a French military convoy from the United Nations peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon.

Sources at the Lebanese army command also said Lebanese army checkpoints have been ordered to bar Israeli patrols from "Greater Beirut," except for a supply route on the southeastern fringes of the capital.

In Aley, 12 kilometers southeast of Beirut, a rocket-propelled grenade was fired at an Israeli tank Friday morning, an Israeli spokesman said. He said there were no casualties and that Israeli troops were searching for the attackers. The rightist "Voice of Lebanon" radio station said the Israelis had also blocked the Beirut-Damascus Highway through the town.

U.S. officials, meanwhile, said there were no plans for the American Marines here to redeploy into East Beirut, where the Lebanese army has taken control from right-wing militias. The officials said the Marines would expand their patrols, but would not set up permanent posts, as the French and Italian peacekeepers have done.

Lebanese army sources said the French convoy from the 10-nation U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was stopped by an Israeli checkpoint in Khalde, 12 kilometers south of downtown Beirut, about 6 p.m. (1600 GMT) Thursday.

The sources said the Israelis demanded that the French troops surrender their arms before the convoy would be allowed to resume its journey into Beirut.

But French officers refused to comply, and their soldiers jumped out of the vehicles and

Turkey condemns 4

Palestinians to death

ANKARA, Feb. 18 (AP) — Four Palestinians who seized the Egyptian Embassy in a bloody assault in 1979 were condemned to death here Thursday in a retrial, state radio reported.

Marwan Sabahan, Mustafa Besheri, Husayn Suleyman Abdullah and Muhammad Abu Berat were sentenced to death in an earlier trial, but the decision was overturned by the Supreme Appeals Court on procedural grounds, as the commandos had not been properly identified.

The commandos, members of the radical Syrian-backed "Red Eagles of the Revolution" blasted their way into the Egyptian Embassy compound on July 13, 1979, in protest over the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, killing two Turkish guards in the assault.

An Egyptian official later died in an aborted escape attempt from the embassy in a hail of gunfire.

The Palestinians demanded that Turkey sever relations with both Egypt and Israel and recognize Palestinian rights.

took up combat positions on both sides of the coastal highway as angry words were exchanged, according to the sources. The Israelis called their command and then allowed the French convoy to pass through the checkpoint with their arms. The Israeli army spokesman said the French convoy was stopped because it had machineguns mounted on the trucks. "There is an agreement in which UNIFIL is not allowed to move with arms on the vehicles," he said.

"They were moving with heavy arms on the vehicles, not inside as agreed. That is why they were stopped."

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli military spokesman said Friday that a reported incident was nothing more than a routine check at a military roadblock.

U.S. treating injured kids from Lebanon

Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Feb. 18 — Thirteen Lebanese children and young adults arrived in the United States recently to receive treatment unavailable in Lebanon for war injuries sustained as far back as 1975. The injured victims of savage Israeli bombing, ranging in age from 4 to 24 years, were accompanied by Dr. Ghassan Issa, a Lebanese pediatrician, Tarek Mitri and Nadia Messahel, representatives of Amel Association, a Lebanese social and medical service organization cooperating in the lift effort, and some of the children's parents.

This group is the first to arrive under the auspices of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) in its Save Lebanon campaign. Seventeen more children will arrive from Lebanon during the next month, as part of the ADC's hope to treat 50 war-injured children this year.

The first group of children will require various treatments; their injuries include amputations, burns and eye injuries.

Dr. James Zogby, ADC executive director, said while many hospitals across the country have offered their services, a group now is in the process of screening the hospitals and their communities to determine which can provide for a number of children, rather than only one, stressing the need for community and group support. "We have come to realize that the need for medical treatment must be balanced by the fact that the kids need to be together," said Dr. Zogby, explaining the psychological difficulties involved of a child leaving his homeland.

Refugee influx hits Sudan anew

GEDAREF, Sudan, Feb. 18 (AP) — Sudan's refugee population of more than 600,000 is again swelling this year with an influx of thousands from the turmoil in Uganda and a stream of war and drought victims from northern Ethiopia.

On a recent Sunday, 50 refugees from the northern Ethiopian province of Tigre were lined up outside the blue wood-frame office of Ismail Ibrahim, Sudan's assistant commissioner for refugees in this bustling eastern agricultural center of 100,000 about 120 kilometers from Ethiopia.

Ibrahim said 30 to 50 have been showing up at his office daily for the past three months and a similar number have been reported crossing the border and looking for work in the sorghum fields. "Over half a million people are affected by this drought," said Ibrahim.

According to the Ethiopian government, the worst hit areas are Tigre and Wollo provinces, roughly due east of here. Ibrahim estimated the famine was not as serious as in 1973 when about 200,000 Ethiopians reportedly died of starvation.

The aid effort inside Tigre is being carried out by the relief society of Tigre, which operates in rural areas under the control of the Tigre Peoples' Liberation Front. The TPLF has been fighting against the government for the past eight years.

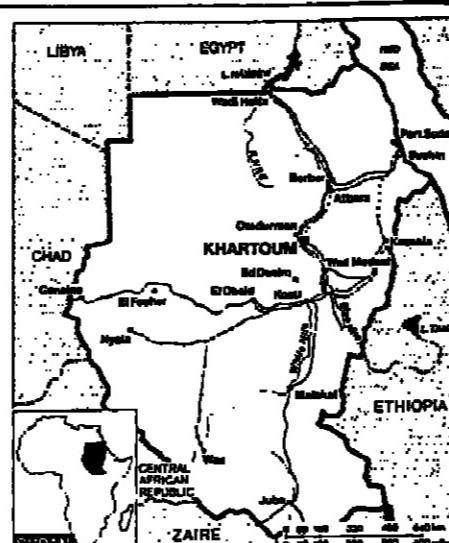
Peter Parr, director of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees' office here, said the society was sending 208 truckloads of sorghum into Tigre monthly from Sudan. With 440,000 Ethiopians already living in Sudan, Ibrahim said he hoped the society

Habre concludes talks with Numeiri

KHARTOUM, Feb. 18 (AP) — Armed with a Sudanese pledge of support against any Libyan threats to his country, Chad President Hissene Habre left for home Friday following a three-day official visit.

Habre said before departing that his visit was an expression of Chadian-Sudanese "friendship and solidarity" and that his talks with President Jaafar Numeiri dealt with bilateral relations and "problems of Africa and the world."

There was a complete identity of views," Habre told reporters. Habre charged at a news conference here Thursday night that Libya, Chad's northern neighbor, posed a threat to his country. He spoke of a Libyan military buildup in the northern Chad region of Aouzou, which Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi annexed in 1977. He also accused Libya of sending armed mercenaries into Chad.



would be able to handle the new drought victims inside Tigre. "If the (relief) situation inside Tigre collapses, then I would expect thousands more," he said.

The TPLF does not permit refugees to flee the province and the Ethiopian government does not allow them to travel without special permits. Those arriving here traveled on foot at night, for fear of being drafted into the army. "I left my family behind because I didn't have any food or clothes for them," said Gebre Amlak, 38, a father of four who said he walked with a dozen other men about 500 kilometers from his village near the central Tigrean city of Makale.

Like many others, Amlak came to find farm work. But the sorghum harvest in eastern Sudan also has been stunted by the drought. Jobs are scarce. Amlak and his compatriots are eating lentils and bread at the grass hut settlement of Towawa, one of 23 U.N. camps in the eastern region housing some 90,000 Ethiopians.

The U.N. High Commission for Refugees budget for Sudan has increased from \$15 million in 1980 to \$25.5 million this year.

Moi calls for OAU unity

NAIROBI, Feb. 18 (Agencies) — A "mini-summit" of 12 African leaders ended here Friday after four hours of talks aimed at resolving an internal crisis that threatens to destroy the Organization of African Unity (OAU), now entering its 20th year deeply divided.

There was no official word whether any progress had been made. One Kenyan official, who asked to remain anonymous, would only say that the committee of 12 would next meet in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital and site of the OAU headquarters.

At its start, Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi, the current OAU chairman, urged the meeting to patch up differences over the Western Sahara's Polisario Front and the new regime in Chad which prevented the regional body from convening two scheduled summits last year in Tripoli, Libya.

"United, we shall remain strong," he said. "Divided, we shall be destroyed."

Calling the situation a "major crisis," for the regional body, Moi asked delegates to spare no effort to agree on a solution that would permit the convening of the long-delayed 19th summit of the OAU.

"I wish to appeal to all of you to let the spirit of compromise and fair play prevail," he told the meeting attended by 12 member countries, seven of which were represented by heads of state.

The Kenyan leader said the OAU's current rifts prevented the organization from addressing such critical issues as South African aggression, independence of Southwest Africa (Namibia) and an economic recession which, he said, affects "every African family."

Moi urged a practical solution to the Polisario and Chadian questions, warning that "any other outcome must lead to further polarization of the organization."

BRIEFS

second instance of shooting at Israeli cars in the West Bank in three days.

LONDON (AFP) — Ethiopian forces have launched a new offensive against separatists in the province of Eritrea, a communist opposition after violent student disturbances this week which have shaken the stability of his martial law government.

PARIS (R) — Scores of prisoners in Tehran's Evin Jail were executed on Jan. 28, the Mujahedeen Organization said Friday. A statement issued by the group's Paris office listed Hussein Khorassani, a well-known merchant in the Bazaar of Gorgan, on the Caspian Sea, as one of the people alleged to have been shot.

TEL AVIV (AP) — Prime Minister Menahem Begin's popularity has declined nearly 10 percent in the past six months, says a poll published Friday.

TEL AVIV (AP) — An Israel driver was wounded Thursday by gunshots fired in an apparent road ambush in the occupied West Bank, the military command said. It was the

The Polisario Front issued a statement saying that it would take part in all future meetings of the organization.

African diplomatic sources said the Polisario's stand appeared to be a major obstacle to holding the 19th summit. On the first occasion the meeting collapsed because of a boycott by members protesting against the admission of the Polisario which is fighting Morocco for control of the Western Sahara.

In a gesture to its opponents the Polisario said it would withdraw from the 19th summit. But a second attempt to hold the meeting collapsed because of Libya's opposition to the seating of the Chadian government of Hissene Habre.

On December 21 the Polisario's self-styled Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) announced that it had changed its mind and would take part in all future OAU meetings.

American port bars Iraqi ship

PORT CANAVERAL, Florida, Feb. 18 (AP) — An Iraqi ship hauling \$500,000 worth of Brazilian citrus concentrate was denied access to an American port when U.S. officials learned that 19 Russians were aboard.

U.S. coast guard officials Wednesday told the crew of the cargo ship *Zair Al Qasr* that it could not dock at Port Canaveral because of a possible threat to national security, said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Bruce Klimek.

Eighteen Russian crew members and one captain were aboard the 144-meter vessel, said Klimek.

The U.S. Defense Department permits crews from Soviet bloc nations to dock at 40 American ports, including three in Florida. Port Canaveral is not one of them. The ship was diverted to Tampa.

Ershad waves olive branch

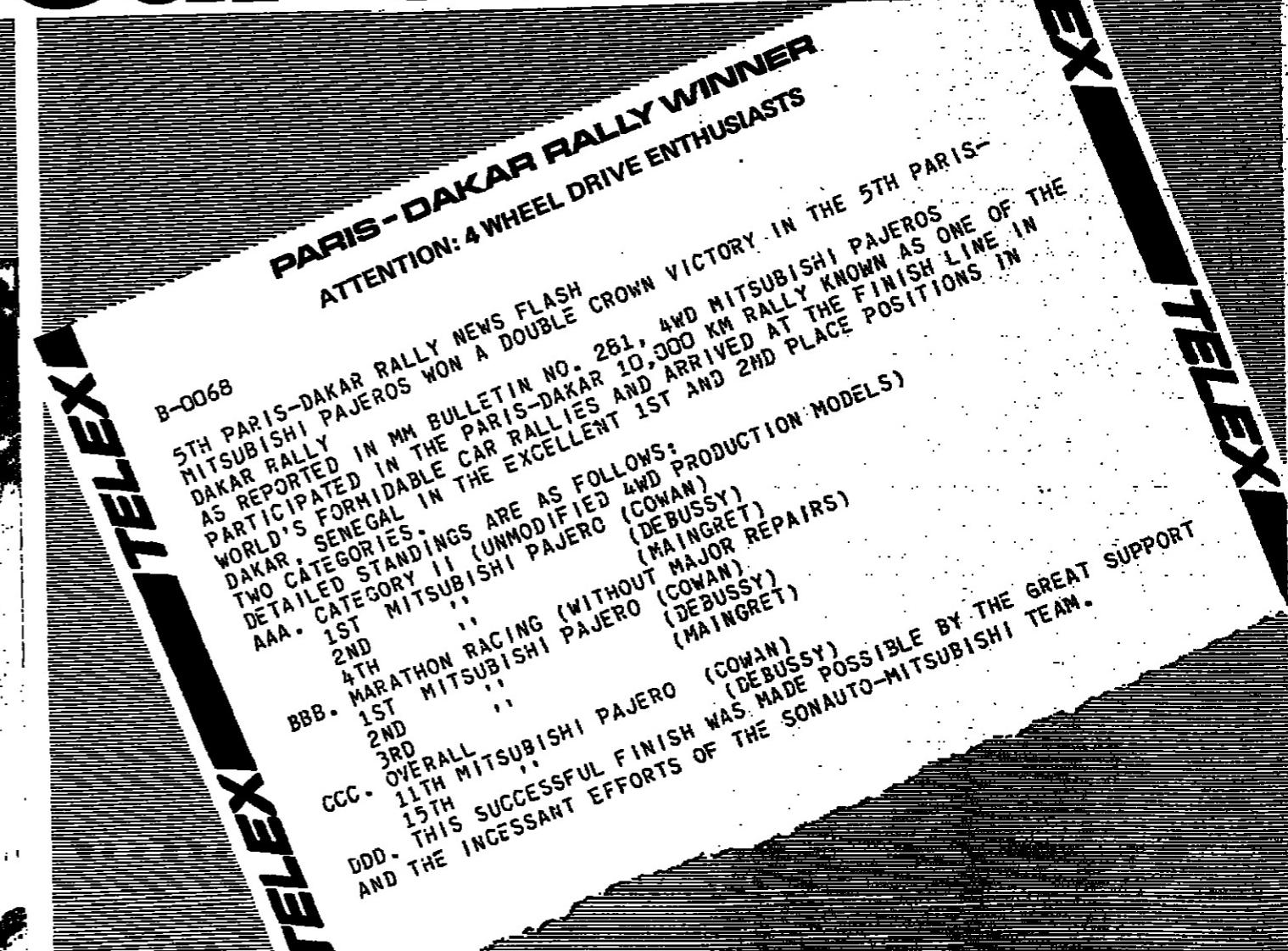
DHAKA, Feb. 18 (R) — Bangladesh's military ruler Hussein Muhammad Ershad Friday offered an olive branch to his civilian political opponents after violent student disturbances this week which have shaken the stability of his martial law government.

Speaking on national radio and television he proposed what he described as a "national dialogue" between the armed forces and all political groups to determine the country's future.

He said the talks would begin next month, the first anniversary of the bloodless military coup which brought him to power, pledging to end corruption and misrule.

The general, criticized for his arbitrary rule, appeared to go out of his way Friday to show he was willing to consult with all political groups before deciding on his next step.

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In the face of budget deficit

Reagan warned of army aid cut

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (Agencies) — U.S. senators warned the Reagan administration that Congress was likely to cut its \$9.2 billion military aid request for next year.

Sen. Charles Percy, Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told administration officials at a hearing he recognized the aid was necessary to carry out U.S. policies. "On the other hand, in the face of a \$200 billion budget deficit, this committee will want to make its contribution to reducing that deficit," he said.

The committee's senior Democrat, Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island, said it would be difficult for congressmen to justify approval of the full aid request in the face of a huge

Leaders called for talks

Pope may not visit Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Feb. 18 (AP) — Pope John Paul II summoned Nicaraguan church leaders to the Vatican Thursday for urgent consultations that could lead to cancellation of his visit to this nation, church officials said.

The talks come because of the "confusing situation in Nicaragua" involving the traditional Roman Catholic hierarchy here and a so-called "people's church" movement that supports the leftist Sandinista government, a church source said.

The source, who requested anonymity, said Managua archbishop Miguel Obando Bravo, Monsignor Julian Barri, the bishop of Leon, and papal nuncio Andrea Cordero Lanza, all were called to Rome to discuss the pope's scheduled March 4 visit here.

The Managua trip is part of a Latin American tour that includes visits to Costa Rica, Panama, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Belize and Haiti.

The pope has criticized five Nicaraguan priests who are defying a papal order against

federal budget deficit and high unemployment in their home states. The \$9.2 billion request for next year includes \$2.5 billion for Israel, \$2 billion for Egypt and a one-time reconstruction request of \$250 million for Lebanon.

The administration also requested an additional billion dollars for this year, including \$25 million for El Salvador. In a running dispute, the administration said that would make a total of \$140 million in aid to El Salvador this year because Congress already had approved \$115 million.

But Sen. Paul Sarbanes, a Maryland Democrat, accused the administration of "moving money around without regard for

clergy holding political jobs. The five include Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto, a Maryknoll priest who says the local church hierarchy has unfairly portrayed him as being in rebellion against the Vatican.

The four other priests in the government here are Ernesto Cardenal, culture minister, Fernando Cardenal, head of the Sandinista Youth Movement; Alvaro Arguello, a member of the State Advisory Council, and Edgar Parrales, Nicaragua's ambassador to the Organization of American States in Washington.

The church hierarchy supported the 1979 Sandinista revolution that overthrew the government of rightist President Anastasio Somoza. But church leaders and priests later split over the hierarchy's charge that the Sandinistas had abandoned the goals of the revolution in favor of totalitarianism.

The so-called popular church is led by priests who favor the Sandinista government and oppose the local church hierarchy.

U.S. hijacker shifted to luxury hotel

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 18 (AP) — An Iranian exile accused of hijacking a Texas commuter plane was transferred to a Mexico City luxury hotel while government officials decided Thursday whether to give him safe conduct out of the country or extradite him to the United States.

Mexican sources involved in the case confirmed local news reports that Hussein Shey Kolya, 37, was transferred from federal police facilities to a luxury suite at the capital's Camino Real Hotel.

"He's living like a king, the only thing he doesn't have there is a girlfriend," said the source, directly connected to the police investigation of the case. The source spoke on condition he not be identified.

The U.S. Embassy, meanwhile, said the

United States is in the process of seeking extradition of Kolya, an ex-Iranian Air Force pilot.

Kolya, wielding a machine gun, seized a Rio Airways commuter plane with 20 persons Tuesday, forcing the pilot to divert the plane from Killeen, Texas, across the U.S. border to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. He freed his hostages and was flown Tuesday night by federal authorities to Mexico City, 1,250 kilometers south of the border.

The Mexican Foreign Ministry was quoted Thursday as saying it would consider a U.S. extradition request under a bilateral treaty between the nations. But spokesman Augustin Gutierrez said such a request has not been received.

Congress' will" because Congress approved only \$40 million for El Salvador.

Sarbanes also criticized the administration for asking for \$934 million for Turkey next year but only \$282 million for Greece. He said that would jeopardize negotiations on keeping U.S. bases in Greece.

"It's not helpful, not conducive to strengthening the (NATO) alliance," Percy, told representatives of the Reagan administration.

Percy, an Illinois Republican, questioned an administration argument that aid was much cheaper than having to deploy extra U.S. soldiers to Turkey in a crisis, because it would cost \$60,000 a year to maintain an American there against \$9,000 for a Turkish soldier.

William Schneider, undersecretary of state for security assistance, confirmed Percy's question on whether Turkish forces were occupying Cyprus instead of guarding against a Soviet bloc threat.

In response to a question from Sen. Claiborne Pell, Schneider said he assumed that most of the weapons the Turkish soldiers were armed with in Cyprus were "of American origin."

Pell, noting the administration assertion was to support democracy around the world, said, "Turkey is no democracy."

Schneider said keeping the Greek amount the same was "a negotiating tactic" and that it would be increased when there was a new U.S. military base agreement with Greece.

Sarbanes said this was "completely blowing apart" the tradition in the United States of giving Greece seven dollars in aid for every 10 dollars given Turkey.

Greek and U.S. negotiators began talks last October on continuing American bases in Greece. There are four major U.S. military bases there with a total of nearly 4,000 troops.

Beside the increase in arms grants, the administration would increase weapons loans to Turkey to \$525 million from \$290 million and decrease economic aid to \$175 million from \$250 million. Greece receives only military loans, not any arms grants or economic aid.

Schneider said Turkey faced a threat from the Soviets in the east and the Bulgarian and Soviets on the European side.

"The Soviets have a large deployment of three military districts" near eastern Turkey, Schneider said. "If there were to be an invasion of the Gulf, the invasion routes would be staged from the trans-Caucasus region."

Sarbanes criticized the administration for ignoring Congress' intent and saying it needed an additional \$10 million to meet the amount set aside by Congress last December for aid to refugees in Cyprus.

"We earmarked 15 million," Sarbanes said. "Only in the instance of Cyprus are you not honoring the earmark."



ACCUSED MAGISTRATE: An undated file picture of Italian magistrate Giuseppe Buongiorno, 69, arrested Thursday on charges of corruption for favoring the release of jailed right-wing extremists. Buongiorno was taken to the central city of Perugia to be interrogated by a magistrate investigating Buongiorno's alleged connections with rightist extremist organizations.

Clark's kidneys and lungs improve

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 18 (AP)

— Artificial heart recipient Barney Clark's kidneys and lungs improved slightly Thursday, but he still was using a respirator intermittently, hospital officials said.

Meanwhile, the Salt Lake City-based company that markets the mechanical heart announced Thursday it has received funding that will help accelerate the development of a portable drive system for Clark's heart and for an artificial hearing system.

"Dr. Barney B. Clark's kidney and lung functions are slightly improved Thursday," said a statement released by John Dwan, University of Utah Medical Center spokesman.

Clark, in his 78th day of the heart, was in fair condition in the hospital's surgical intensive care unit.

Clark was moved to a private room for two days early this week, but was returned to intensive care late Tuesday when his lungs and kidneys began to function poorly.

Clark has suffered for years from mild emphysema and has had mild kidney failure brought on by the cardiomyopathy that afflicted his natural heart before it was replaced Dec. 2. Before the Tuesday complications, Clark had been off a respirator for more than a week.

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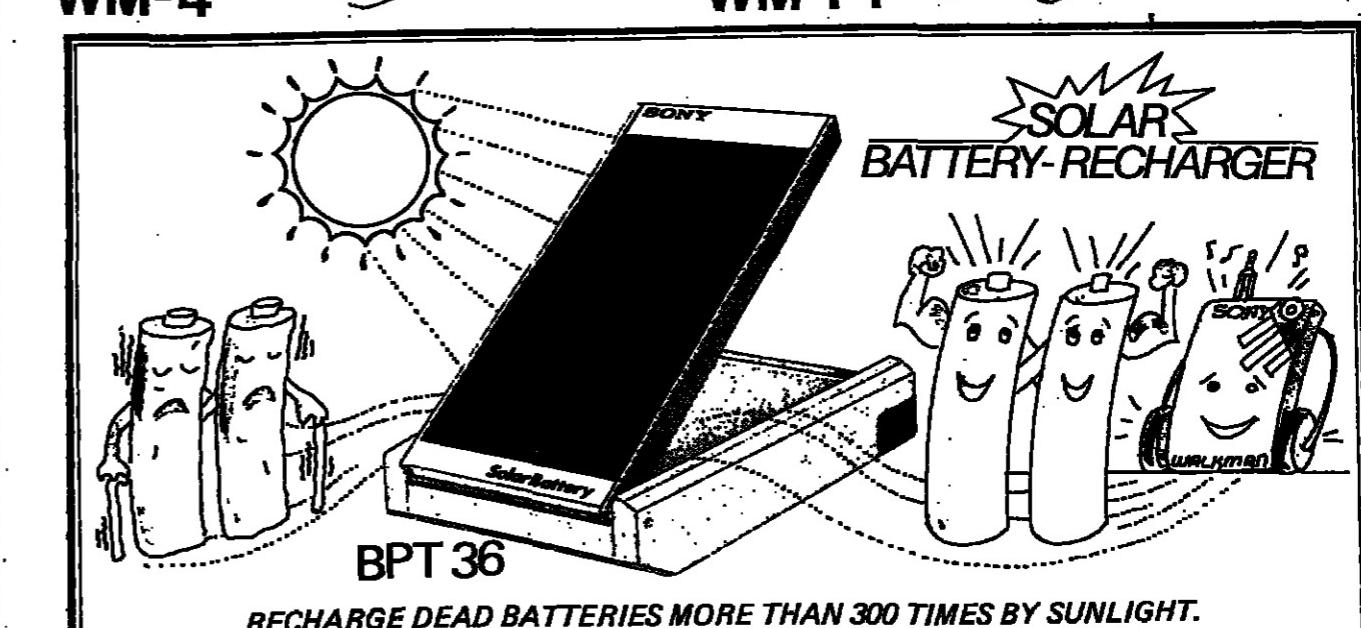
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As talks end in failure

Leader says Sikhs lose faith in statute

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18 (AFP) — The leader of the Sikh party said that his community had lost faith in the Indian constitution, as the third round of tripartite talks ended here without a settlement over the Sikh demands for greater autonomy for the predominantly Sikh state of Punjab.

Akali Dal (Party) Chairman Sant Har- chand Longowal told a meeting at Amritsar that the constitution had failed to "protect them and their rights", the Press Trust of India (PTI) quoted him as saying.

Longowal, however, did not make any reference to the just ended abortive talks in New Delhi between the government, opposition parties and Sikh representatives. The latest talks had begun Tuesday and resumed Thursday.

PTI said Longowal warned of serious consequences unless the government conceded the Sikhs' demands by Feb. 21, the day when

Mexico hails British queen

ACAPULCO, Mexico, Feb. 18 (AP) — A white-uniformed marine honor guard and a navy band greeted Queen Elizabeth II of Britain with a 21-gun salute and "God save the queen" as she arrived at this sun-splashed Pacific coast resort Thursday afternoon to begin an eight-day cruise and official visit to Mexico.

Thousands of American tourists as well as local residents lined Miguel Aleman Avenue along the coast in the near 90-degree heat to catch a glimpse of the 57-year-old monarch and Prince Philip as they drove in an open air vehicle to the royal yacht *Britannia*, docked downtown.

Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid, his wife Paloma and the diplomatic corps received the royal couple when they arrived aboard a Royal Air Force jet flying a small Mexican flag and the royal standard.

The queen, reviewed the honor guard with De la Madrid at her side. De la Madrid left the queen at the *Britannia* to host a reception for the press. He gave a dinner in honor of the royal couple Thursday night.

Diplomatic sources said British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym, who arrived Thursday morning, met with Mexican Foreign Minister Bernardo Sepulveda and discussed a wide range of issues. Among the topics were oil prices, the political turmoil in Central America, including tense relations between Belize, a former British colony, and Guatemala, the high debt burden of Third World nations and bilateral relations, the sources said.

the post-dated resignations of all the Sikh state legislators and deputies in the Indian Parliament are to come into effect automatically.

He said 37 members of the Punjab legislature and four deputies in parliament had resigned because of what he called the failure of the Indian statute to protect the community and their rights.

Longowal said both the Punjab and federal administrations would not be able to face the situation that would follow unless the Sikh demands are accepted before the new deadlines set, adding that he himself would not be able to control the Sikhs any more in such an eventuality.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in the meantime told a meeting of her Congress Party's parliamentary group that her government was willing to agree to the Sikhs' various religious demands but advised them to find a negotiated solution. Threats and counter-threats would not help them, she pointed out.

The issues mainly figuring at the latest talks were arrangements for distribution of river waters among Punjab and neighboring Haryana and Rajasthan states and merger of Punjabi-speaking areas in adjacent states with Punjab. On neither issue was agreement reached, PTI said.

Reagan whitewashes house, children say

PHOENIX, Arizona, Feb. 18 (AFP) — American children have some peculiar ideas about what President Ronald Reagan does in the White House, according to opinions expressed here by first-grade (primary school) students. A teacher who asked her six-year-old pupils what Reagan was doing in Washington got answers showing total unawareness of national politics.

Some of the class seemed to think his main charge was to keep the presidential quarters clean: "He earns his money by helping Mrs. Reagan around the house," "he paints his White House when it gets yukky," "he helps the tax guys clean up the White House to keep it white." According to another version, "he does paper work, but not the wallpaper kind."

One child suggested this action scenario: "When there is a real bad problem, he calls the police or gets into his airplane." One six-year-old media consumer said Reagan "talks on TV and says to be good."

A single youngster came up with a 1983 1984 version of realpolitik: "He's president and knows what he's doing even if we don't."

Peaceniks confident of winning missiles war

LONDON, Feb. 18 (AP) — Against a background of familiar banners, "together we can stop the bomb", Britain's Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament on Thursday celebrated its 25th birthday, membership and confidence booming despite decades of past failure.

Veteran peaceniks, including opposition Labor Party leader Michael Foot, 69, historian A.J.P. Taylor, 75, who marched and composed pamphlets through the years while Britain acquired a nuclear arsenal, were grayer but unbowed.

They and the CND, whose paid membership increased nearly sixfold to 53,000 and associate supporters to 250,000 in three years, believe at last they've found a winner — banning U.S. nuclear Cruise missiles due to be deployed in Britain by December.

"If the nuclear arms race is not stopped, then it is the Hitlers of tomorrow who will have the bomb," said Foot, as a line-up of past founders and present leaders clustered round a birthday cake in the shape of the international peace symbol.

Said CND Director Monsignor Bruce Kent: "We are becoming an effective political force ... banning Cruise and Trident are attainable objectives in the very near future."

The CND anniversary, in the Methodist central hall near the Houses of Parliament where the movement was founded in 1953, came as both sides reach back into history amid heightened rhetoric, law suits and the jailing this week of 36 women peace campaigners.

Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, determined to deploy Cruise and contracted to update Britain's Polaris nuclear missiles with a \$12 billion U.S. Trident system, set a new angry tone Feb. 12.

She declared one-sided disarmament by the allies would have kept Hitler in power for 1,000 years. The CND and Labor accused her of Nazi-style tactics and likened her to Hitler's propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels.

"I won't waste my time commenting on Mrs. Thatcher's rewriting of history," said Taylor at the anniversary.

From the Oxford University don to young women activists, hair tumbling over headbands, the CND remembered the most famous among its founders, philosopher Bertrand Russell.

"We respect and admire those who had the vision to start the

campaign in the first place and who never gave up," said Kent.

After the marches of the 1960s, the CND spent years in the doldrums, re-emerging after NATO's December 1979 decision to deploy 572 Cruise and Pershing 2 missiles in five West European nations in response to the Soviet buildup of medium-range SS-20 missiles.

Its unilateralist platform is still rejected by the majority of Britons, opinion polls show. But the CND takes heart from recent soundings which show majorities opposed to Cruise.

Foot described the women who have set up a permanent peace camp outside the U.S. Air Force Greenham Common Base, 80 kilometers west of London, where the first Cruises will arrive, as performing a "wonderful service to the whole world."

Thirty-six of the women were jailed for two weeks Wednesday after refusing to be bound over to keep the peace. They were among 42 who scaled Greenham's perimeter fence New Year's day and sat down atop the missile silos before being carried off by police. The women now regularly confront police by blockading entrances and scaling the fence.

The CND launched a "public education fund" Thursday to counter the government's stepped up campaign since New Year to convince Britons Cruise must come unless there is a superpower disarmament agreement.

"The Soviet leadership must understand that their remorseless military buildup, their deployment of the SS-20s and their use of force beyond their own borders, constitute a threat to peace," Mrs. Thatcher told the House of Commons soon after the CND ceremony Thursday.

Earlier, a high court judge refused a CND attempt to have banned a pamphlet parodying its most popular leaflet and carrying the Soviet hammer and sickle instead of the peace symbol.

The pamphlet was the work of a right-wing pro-nuclear group, Coalition for Peace Through Security, whose leadership includes a prospective Conservative Party parliamentary candidate and former Thatcher aide, lawyer Edward Leigh.

Judge Sir Jean Pierre Warner ruled injunctions should not be used "to restrain free speech and certainly not political controversy."

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For two weeks last October, the navy carried out a frustrating hunt for suspected Soviet-bloc submarines in the Stockholm archipelago. The search began after a periscope sight was reported by sailors near Muskö, a top secret naval base.

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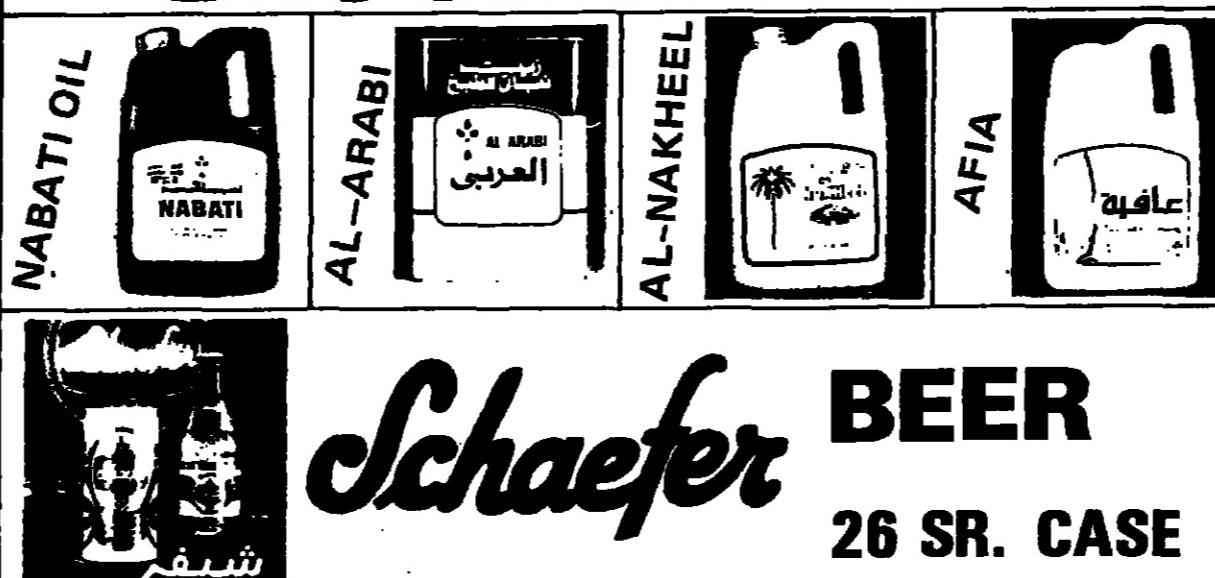
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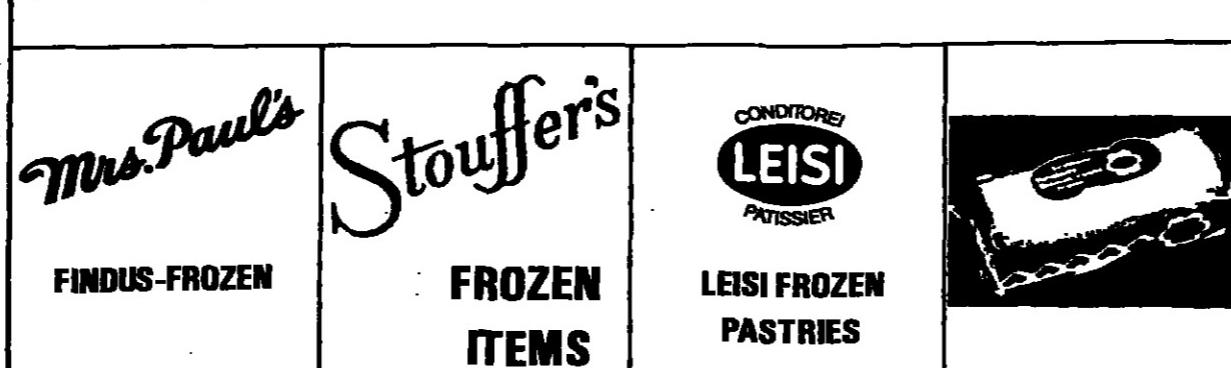
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As rookie Cummings shines

Clippers record 'golden' victory

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (AP) — Rookie Terry Cummings scored 37 points, his National Basketball Association high, and added 15 rebounds as the San Diego Clippers rolled to a 112-102 victory over the Golden State Warriors Thursday night.

The triumph improved San Diego's record since Dec. 25 to 14-13 after a 4-23 start. In that same span, Cummings was named NBA rookie of the month in January with a 23.5-point average and has been even more impressive in February with a 27.7 mark.

Tom Chambers scored 16 points and center Bill Walton had 12 points and eight assists to complement Cummings, who scored 13 points in the final period to establish his season high. The Warriors were led by center Joe Barry Carroll, with 30 points, and guard Ron Brewer, who had 27.

In other NBA games, New York beat Cleveland 108-92, Denver trounced New Jersey 117-108, Detroit edged Houston 113-110, Los Angeles bombed Dallas 127-110 and Portland defeated Boston 121-114.

Indians begin

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 18 (AP) — The Indian cricket team suffered an embarrassing opening day to their West Indies tour Thursday when they were bowled out for 185 by a Jamaica team which then replied strongly with 79 for one wicket by the close of play.

The Jamaicans, bottom of the standings in the regional West Indian Shell Shield Tournament, rested Test fast bowler Michael Holding and fielded an attack which included two first-timers and another player in only his second match.

Yet the Indians, less than three days after their arrival in Kingston and still feeling their way, could not make the most of their opportunity of batting first on an ideal pitch in good weather after captain Kapil Dev had won the toss.

They lost opening batsman Arun Lal,

Willis full of praise for Aussies

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 18 (AP) — England captain Bob Willis here Thursday delivered his eulogy over the still smouldering embers of cricket's hottest summer. It was one of the most unexpected of 100 such summers.

"The Ashes series," Willis said, "was the most sportsmanlike I can remember." Considering the controversies of the past months Willis, leaving these shores brave but beaten, deserved some sort of award for diplomacy. "We had some disappointments," he added.

"I had some problems with my bowling although I was quite fit. After the second Test in Brisbane I was bowling too many no-balls, running on the wicket and lost at least a yard in pace," he said.

Lakers 127, Mavericks 110; Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 32 points and Norm Nixon and Earvin "Magic" Johnson added 25 each for the Lakers. Los Angeles, which outrebounded the Mavericks 55-39, outscored Dallas 27-17 in the fourth period by hitting 12 of 14 shots in the quarter.

Nuggets 117, Nets 108: Alex English hit 15 of 17 free throws and had 33 points and 14 rebounds to lift Denver over New Jersey. Kiki Vandeweghe added 28 points for the Nuggets, who came back to beat the Nets one night after they had trailed Philadelphia by 32 points at halftime and lost by 21.

Trail Blazers 121, Celtics 114: Kenny Carr scored 26 points, 10 of them in the final period, as Portland handed Boston its first loss to a Pacific Division team this season.

Jim Paxson, who added 25 points for the Blazers, had eight during a 12-0 run that gave Portland its biggest lead, 84-66, with 7:47 left in the third period.

Pistons 113, Rockets 110: John Long and Terry Tyler each had three baskets as Detroit

caught at second slip, and Mohinder Amarnath, bowled offering a rash stroke, both to teenaged fast bowler Courtney Walsh to leave the score 12 for two. They never really recovered from that position.

Dilip Vengsarkar played a polished innings of 42 but he was out to a brilliant catch by newcomer wicketkeeper Prince Francis off medium pacer Aaron Daley, also playing his first first-class match, just after lunch with the total at 86 for four.

When Yashpal Sharma followed shortly afterwards, bowled by Daley, the cream of the Indian batting had been dismissed and they never recovered. All rounder Ravi Shastri played soundly for 35 and Kapil Dev himself threatened to pull his team round with some robust hitting for 23. But both were dismissed by off spinner Errol Wilson, one of the several Jamaican rookies in the match.

Meanwhile, conservative MP John Carlisle is unshaken in his determination to force the MCC to send a cricket team to South Africa, despite the announcement in London of the committee's overwhelming rejection of his plan.

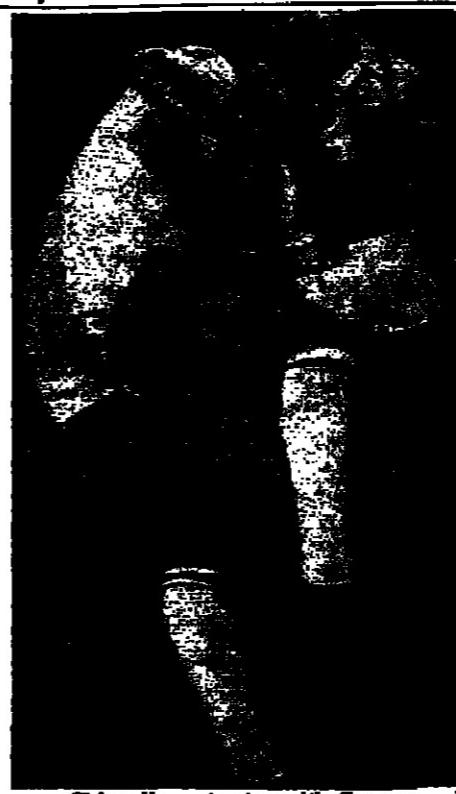
Carlisle, leader of the Freedom in Sport campaign, said: "My determination to go ahead with a special general meeting and the consequent postal ballot is undiminished. I believe MCC members will want to express their views on the subject of resuming links with South Africa."

After turning down Carlisle's proposal, the MCC officials braced themselves for the sort of long-running, divisive controversy that lay at the heart of the Basil D'Oliviera affair 15 years ago.

Secretary Jack Bailey said: "In the interests of world cricket we have to maintain a consistent attitude toward South Africa who have been excluded from Test cricket for a dozen years now." In a prepared statement, Bailey pointed out that a resumption of relations with South Africa by the club would put back the day when the republic was allowed back into the Test match fold.

Meanwhile, Italy's Francesco Moser and his Dutch partner Rene Pijnen consolidated their position as overall leaders of the Milan Six-Day Cycling event.

They won the 31 lap American version race and by the end of the day led the standings with 111 points. The Austrian pair of Henry Rinklin and Sekky Viggiani were in second place on 74 points.



Chinaglia ... to stay with Cosmos

Sercu to retire from cycling

MILAN, Italy, Feb. 18 (AFP) — The Belgian cyclist Patrick Sercu, a former Olympic and world champion, will put an end to an outstanding career spanning 18 years here Saturday.

The 37-year-old Sercu's final competitive appearance before his retirement will come on the last day of the Milan Six Days Cycling event.

Sercu, a road and track racer, began his career at the Antwerp, Belgium Six-Day event in 1965. His long list of successes includes 59 official titles with a gold medal in both the Olympics and World Championships.

Sercu told the Milan Daily *Il Corriere Della Sera*: "My decision goes back to last winter and the Six-Day event at Berlin where, for the first time, I no longer enjoyed what I was doing."

Sercu will not be lost to cycling altogether because he has been promised a job as coach to the Belgian national track squad. He will be also manager of a cycle track in his native country.

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Despite business commitments Chinaglia to keep boots on

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP) — Giorgio Chinaglia, making "one of the toughest decisions of my life," has decided to return as a player in 1983 with the North American Soccer League (NASL) champion Cosmos.

Chinaglia, the most prolific goal-scorer in the history of American soccer, turned 36 in January and said Thursday he only made the decision to return after lengthy deliberation.

"I have a lot of long-range business projects underway for the future, and they are demanding more and more of my time," said Chinaglia, the Cosmos captain. "I knew that if I decided to play, it would have to take up 100 percent of my time, effort and concentration because that's the way I am."

"But then, on the other hand, I still feel great physically. I've worked out all winter and I'm as fit as ever. And I know the thrill is still there. When the ball hits the back of the net and I don't feel that special euphoria, I know it's finished and I'll bow out right away," he added.

Chinaglia, who is from Italy but became an American citizen in 1978, owns every NASL

scoring record for a career, for a season and for a game. He has scored 175 regular-season goals in seven seasons and 48 more in playoff action. Including international appearances, Chinaglia has scored 372 goals in 380 games in a Cosmos uniform and 662 in his entire 20-year soccer career.

Meanwhile, the Seattle Sounders are looking for a new head coach and they may be looking for a new No. 1 goalkeeper as well.

Paul Hammond, a 29-year-old native of Britain, who was the Sounders' regular keeper in 1982, says the Seattle management wants him to play at a lower salary in 1983.

His contract with the Sounders of more than \$60,000 a year expired last November. "They want me to take quite a considerable pay cut and I feel I'm being treated very unfairly," Hammond said.

The Sounders are being run by interim coach Bobby Howe, who is filling in while the Seattle management searches for a permanent replacement for Alan Hinton, fired last month after serving as head coach for three years.

Mikkola for Kenyan Rally

KENYA, Feb. 18 (Agencies) — Flying Finn Hannu Mikkola and French ace woman driver Michele Mouton will pilot the two works Andi Quattro team in the 1983 Marlboro Safari Rally, which has attracted 69 entries, to be held here.

Also in the fray are two other Finns — Ari Vatanen and Rauno Aaltonen — who will be leading the Opel works' charge in the grueling Rally. While Vatanen will have Terry Harryman as his crew, Aaltonen has the experienced Lofty Drews as his navigator.

Mikkola and Mouton will rely on their reliable partners Arne Hertz and Fabrizia Pons respectively to lend weight to the Audi challenge in the Rally. The Audi more favored for snowy and slippery surfaces will be trying to establish its superiority on the Rally.

Former winner Shekhar Mehta will be trying to repeat his success in a Nissan 240 RS along with Rob Coombes. While Jayant Shah, winner of the Himalayan Rally, will partner Aslam Khan in another Nissan 240 RS. Other fancied local drivers, who have entered the race, are Mike Kirkland, Johnny Hellier and Rob Colling.

The Japanese contingent is as strong as ever, with Koseki, Takahashi and Takaoka members of the Subaru team. Other private entrants include Iwashita and Kojimoto with Iwase, who has built up a reputation for himself in Japan, being the new comer.

Notables from Europe include veteran race and Rally driver Vic Elford in a Subaru with Kenyan Chris Bates, British long-distance driver Tony Fowkes and from Germany Dieter Dehmel, Wolfgang Siller, Hans Schuller and Bernd Strahl. The Italian to be seen in action is former world champion Sandro Munari — this time in an Alfa Romeo.

Kong Qinghai of the Chinese Association said, however, it was still too premature for Chinese cars to participate in the Rally.

Flyers give Oilers slip

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (AP) — Paul Holmgren and Brian Propp scored early first-period goals and launched the Philadelphia Flyers to a 7-3 victory over the Edmonton Oilers Tuesday night in the National Hockey League. It was the ninth victory against two losses and a tie in the last 12 games for the Flyers, who remain atop the NHL's Patrick Division.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Minnesota scored a resounding victory over Quebec. North Stars Ben Bellows and Willi Plett each scored twice to lead Minnesota to a 6-3 victory over Quebec. The victory was the fifth straight for the North Stars.

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*Connors crushes Ramirez***Leconte takes set off seeded Gene Mayer**

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb. 18 (AP) — Top-seeded Jimmy Connors crushed Raul Ramirez of Mexico 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 to advance into the quarterfinals of the \$315,000 U.S. National Indoor Tennis Tournament.

Also advancing to the round of last eight were third-seeded Gene Mayer, who dropped the first set before steamrolling over Frenchman Henri Leconte, and the No. 4 seed France's Yannick Noah, who recovered from a leg injury to defeat Buster Mottram of Britain.

Mayer eliminated Leconte 1-6, 6-0, 6-0, while Noah took 81 minutes to dispose of Mottram 7-5, 6-2. Noah also needed a cortisone-injection to ease the pain in his left knee after the clash.

While Gene was meting out the punishment to Leconte, his brother was at the receiving end at the hands of No. 5 seed Peter McNamara of Australia. After winning the first set, Sandy was beaten by the tenacious Australian 1-6, 7-5, 6-2.

In other early matches, No. 8 Elliot Teltscher ousted Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia 6-4, 6-0; No. 10 Brian Gottfried ousted Fritz Sennheiser 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, and No. 11 Brian Teacher advanced when Chip Hooper, forced to retire with tendinitis of the left knee, Teacher was leading 7-6, 4-3 when Hooper, who had his knee bandaged earlier in the second set, had to quit.

The big-serving American, Hooper had upset two fancied players in the first two rounds, while Bushling, who also met his Waterloo at the hands of Gottfried, had been the stumbling block for second-seeded Mats Wilander. Australian Paul McNamee put paid to Mike Depalmer's hopes of making the last eight with a 6-1, 1-6, 7-6 victory.

Meanwhile, Bolivian Mario Martinez and Paraguayan Victor Pecci moved into the quarterfinals of the \$88,000 Grand Prix Tournament in Vina Del Mar Thursday.

Martinez defeated Marcel Freeman of the U.S. 6-7, 7-5, 6-2, and Pecci downed Argentine Gustav Tiberti 6-2, 6-4. In doubles competition, Brazilians Julio Gomes and Ney Keller defeated Chileans Jaime Pinto and Patricio Comejo 3-6, 6-3, 7-6. Ricardo Icaza of Ecuador and Jose Luis Damiani of Uruguay defeated Uruguayan Hugo Rozenberg and Colombian Javier Restrepo 6-2, 4-6, 6-6.

In Chicago top-seeded Martina Navratilova mowed down Czech Iva Budarova 6-1, 6-1, joining two other women advancing into the quarterfinal round of the \$150,000 Virginia Slims of Chicago Tournament.

Earlier in the day, unseeded Eva Praff stunned fellow-West German Sylvia Hanika, the No. 6 seed, in a three-setter 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. Pam Shriver needed a tiebreaker to defeat Claudia Kohde of West Germany 7-6, (7-5), 6-3.

Despite some spirited play, the Czech-born Navratilova needed just 44 minutes to beat her 23-year-old opponent. The world's ranking woman player let Budarova escape with her service intact just once in the first set, and then used breaks in the third and seventh games to capture the second set.

Borg to boost Brabham-BMW

SESTRIERES, Italy, Feb. 18 (AFP) —

The retirement of tennis superstar Bjorn Borg may have brought misery for his fans — but it has brought joy worth \$5.5 million to Formula One racing team



Borg ... still a big name



CRASH VICTIM: Race driver Bruce Jacobi is removed from his NASCAR Pontiac after a spectacular cartwheeling crash on the back stretch of the Daytona Speedway during qualification trials for the National Stock Car race Thursday. Jacobi was rushed to a nearby hospital where he was said to be critical.

Brabham.

The Italian sportswear firm Fila were the Swedish maestro's main sponsors, until Borg decided to quit last month. Now, it was announced here Thursday, Fila are switching their attentions to motor-racing and Bernie Ecclestone's Brabham-BMW team which was the only leading Formula One outfit still without a sponsor.

Fila are pumping \$5.5 million in sponsorship into Brabham whose drivers are Brazil's Nelson Piquet and the Italian Ricardo Patrese. Brabham, previously sponsored by another Italian company, have had talks with the Japanese Hi-fi company Pioneer for the same figure as that worked out with Fila.

But negotiations fell through because the two sides could not agree on the length of advertising slogan.

The new Brabham-BMW cars, which have been built in the strictest secrecy by South African constructor Gordon Murray, are due to have run-outs at the Brands Hatch Track in England next week. The cars will be on show at the headquarters of BMW, who have built the turbo compressor engines in Munich, West Germany on March 3. They will then on three days trials on the Jacarepagua Track in Brazil.

Norman spouts to two-stroke advantage

MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb. 18 (AP) —

Australian Greg Norman grabbed a two-stroke lead after the second round of the \$100,000 Australian Masters Golf Championship here Friday.

Norman fired a six-under-par-67, the best round so far in the tournament, to move past Spain's Steve Ballesteros and Australian Ian Stoen. One stroke further back was South Australian Roger Stephens, who shot a one-under-par-72.

Norman, who has a two round total of 141 after an opening round 74, said he was far more relaxed this week than he had been during last week's Victorian Open at the neighboring Metropolitan course. Norman finished second last Sunday to Bob Shearer after posting a two-stroke lead.

Meanwhile, in La Jolla, California, Jon Chaffee, a struggling young golf pro who didn't compete on the 1982 tour, fired a seven-under-par-65 for the first-round lead Thursday in the Isuzu-Audy Williams San Diego Open. He had a one-stroke lead over a

foursome that included a rejuvenated Ben Crenshaw.

Playing no-bogey golf in Torrey Pines' less demanding north course, Chaffee was aided by two eagles during his rounds of 32 and 33. He finished the day by sinking a 15-foot putt on his last hole for an eagle on the par-5, 497-yard No. 9.

Tom Jenkins, Bruce Fleisher and Scott Simpson were tied for second with Crenshaw at 66. Two strokes back were Bob Gilder, Barry Jaekel and Gary McCord. Eight players were three strokes back, including the quartet Tom Kite, Lon Hinkle, D.A. Weibring and Bill Calfee, who carved out their scores on the tougher south course. Par for both courses is 72.

Jack Renner, who lost the Hawaiian Open on a miracle shot by Japan-born Isao Aoki, was 10 strokes off the pace. Tom Watson, who is bidding to become the first three-time winner at San Diego, had an even-par 72 on the south course.

Chaffee, a tour longshot who spent last

year as an assistant golf pro, was at a career crossroads when he returned for another try last month. "This is my fifth year," said Chaffee, 27, who lost his qualifying card in 1982. "I had better make the top 125 this year or find something else to do."

Chaffee, currently ranked 150th in money earnings with \$827, got the spurt of confidence he needed Thursday. A seven-under-par 65, one shy of the course record.

"I did what everyone hopes to do on the north course — and that's play the par 5s well," said Chaffee, who eagled two of the par 5s and birdied the other two during a bogey-free round. His first eagle came on the 499-yard 18th hole, where he put a 1-iron within three feet (.9 m). On the final hole, No. 9, he belted a 3-iron to within 15feet (4.5 m) and sank the putt.

Three months ago, Chaffee was among six golfers who tied for 45th and earned a qualifying card by one stroke after a six-round qualifying tournament in Ponte Vedra, Florida.

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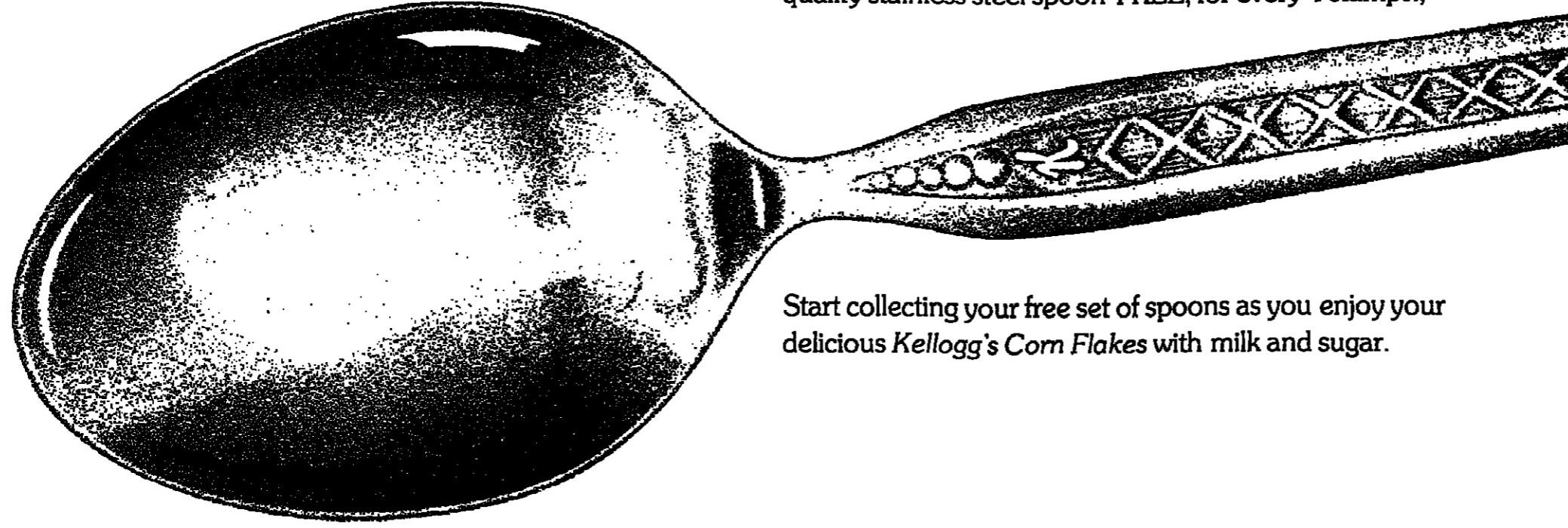


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Allays opposition fears

Social welfare state to stay, Maggie says

LONDON, Feb. 18 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, under questioning from the leader of Britain's Socialist opposition, denied Thursday that she intends to "dismantle" the welfare state.

Labor Party leader Michael Foot cited a report, based on "confidential cabinet papers," said the team wants to encourage mothers to stay at home, help parents set up their own schools and extend home ownership, among other reforms.

The cabinet team thinks the welfare state is affirming individual responsibility by providing blanket medical, educational and social services, the *Guardian* said.

During question time in the House of Commons, Foot demanded to know how far the proposals had gone and when they would be published. His Labor Party created the state National Health Service and other social reforms when it came to power at the end of World War II.

Mrs. Thatcher answered: "No, we are not intending to dismantle the welfare state." But she added that her Conservative gov-

ernment was "determined to give individuals and their families more choice, which the Labor Party is not, and more freedom to exercise responsibility. We are determined to seek better value for money and better management throughout the public sector, and we are very proud of it."

As if to prove the point, Health Secretary Norman Fowler later announced in the Commons that the government plans to allow private firms to bid for contracts to provide cleaning, catering and other non-medical services in the nation's 2,000 state-run hospitals.

Fowler said services now provided by NHS employees cost the country almost 800 million pounds (\$1.24 billion) a year. By allowing private competition, substantial savings can be made and the extra money spent on actual health care, Fowler said.

Privatization has been a hallmark of Mrs. Thatcher's four-year administration, in telecommunications, North Sea oil and other industries.

Her government is now looking for ways to economize, and make more efficient, the health and social services. The NHS alone costs 14.5 billion pounds (\$22.5 billion) a year.

Economy on upswing--Mauroy

PARIS, Feb. 18 (AFP) — French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy has ruled out the introduction of a further austerity program this year, commenting that "nearly all the economic indicators in France are quietly giving the green light."

Speaking on television late Wednesday he strongly denied that France's debts total \$25 billion as former Prime Minister Raymond Barre, now in opposition, has charged.

This figure did not take account of sums lent abroad by French banks, he said.

World Bank lends \$151m to 4 nations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AFP) — The World Bank and affiliated bodies have announced development loans to Zimbabwe, Somalia, Uruguay and Zaire totaling \$151 million.

Zimbabwe is to receive a revolving credit of \$70 million for basic materials for export industries, the bank said.

A loan of \$23 million will go to Somalia, for road works between the towns of Afgoi and Isidra Baldoa.

Uruguay is to get \$4.5 million for improvements to its road network. Zaire is to receive \$13 million for rural development in the north of the country.

Exxon trims oil price by \$1 a barrel

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (AFP) — Exxon became the last United States oil firm to cut the price of its oil by \$1 a barrel, the second \$1 drop here since the end of January.

The U.S. decision brings the price of American-produced oil of the same quality as Arabian light to \$29 a barrel.

Arabian light sells for an official \$34. It is used as the benchmark for oil prices within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

The decision to bring down the price of U.S. crude followed the failure of OPEC's ministerial meeting at Vienna at the end of January.

Analysts see it as a move by oil companies to ensure an orderly drop in world oil prices, particularly those of OPEC, in the face of falling demand. They welcome what they see as a return to healthy competition in a market no longer dominated by OPEC.

Meanwhile, Philips Petroleum President William Douce told *Forbes* magazine that he expected a drop in world oil prices of between \$4 and \$8 a barrel this year.

Douce said that this would force oil companies to trim their research programs. But he added that the price would probably creep back up to \$34 and more in coming years.

A bulletin from the Morgan Guaranty Trust, the country's fifth biggest bank, said that the oil price had never stopped dropping in both real and nominal terms since early 1981, when it stood at \$39 a barrel.

The bank noted that most forecasts for 1983 predicted the oil price dropping to between \$25 and \$30. An average price of \$30 would merely represent a continuation of the trend of the last two years, it added.

Egypt Air may resume flights to 3 states

CAIRO, Feb. 18 (R) — Egypt's national airline, Egypt Air, plans to resume flights to Iraq, Lebanon and Algeria over the next three months, its commercial director Ismail Abdel-Aziz was quoted Friday as saying.

The mass-circulation *Al-Akhbar* reported the official as saying he would visit Baghdad this month to discuss running daily flights to the Iraqi capital from next month.

Iraqi Air has a daily service to Cairo since last year when relations between the two countries began to improve. *Al-Akhbar* also quoted the official as saying a delegation would go to Lebanon soon to negotiate three flights a week by Egypt Air to Beirut beginning in April.

The newspaper also reported that the present Cairo-Tunis line would be extended in May to Algiers.

Turkish project under way Mesopotamia on threshold of 'green revolution'

ANKARA, Feb. 18 (AP) — By the next decade, a man-made miracle could revolutionize the arid steppes of northern Mesopotamia where one of the world's earliest civilizations once flourished.

Turkey's economic planners describe in superlatives the southeast Anatolia project, a complex of hydro-electric dams and irrigation canals that would harness the waters of the Euphrates River.

The Euphrates and Tigris rivers originate from the snow-covered mountains of northeast Turkey and flow south, through Syria and Iraq.

The land between the two rivers, known as Mesopotamia, was home for the ancient Sumerians, Babylonians, Assyrians and Hittites. In Baghdad, on the banks of the Tigris, the Arab civilization reached its zenith in the 9th century.

But now it is impoverished despite Iraq's oil wealth. Peasants barely eke out a living from the parched land. In southeast Turkey, some villages have a hard time finding drinking water in summer months.

In 1974, Turkey completed the construction of Keba Dam on the northern reaches of the Euphrates. The Keban, with annual electricity production of 6.2 billion kilowatt

hours, boosted Turkey's energy-hungry industry. But no further industrial growth can be expected without the building of Karakaya and Ataturk dams and several smaller ones south of Keban on the Euphrates, officials say.

Turkey's current energy production is 23 billion kWhs, which amounts to 650 kWhs per capita annually in contrast to the 3,000 kWhs per capita usage by Western industrialized nations.

"Even by year 2000, having used all our hydro-electric capacity, which is now only 10 percent utilized, we shall not be able to catch up with our neighbors," laments director of state water works Sabahattin Sayin.

But the mammoth southeast Anatolia project could double Turkey's energy production and increase five-fold the agricultural output of the region, he said.

The project has existed on paper since the early 1960's, but financial struggles and political instability prevented construction. Former Premier Suleyman Demirel, an engineer who specialized in dams before his political career, used to complain of losing sleep because of frustration over the delay.

Construction is already advanced on the Karakaya Dam, located 166 kilometers

(103 miles) downstream from the Keban. Karakaya, a concrete arch gravity type dam expected to cost \$1.9 billion, would generate 7.5 billion kWhs of electricity annually when it goes into operation by 1988.

But the star of the project is the Ataturk Dam, named after the founder of the Turkish republic, Kemal Ataturk. It is to be the largest dam ever built in Turkey and the fourth largest rock-fill dam in the world. It is expected to generate 8.1 billion kWhs and be used for irrigation.

A Turkish company is building the diversion tunnels, changing the course of the Euphrates River to prepare for the construction of the 940 square-kilometer (376-square-mile) reservoir.

An international tender, possibly favoring foreign companies who can bring in suppliers' credits, is expected to be opened soon for the main construction work.

Irrigation farming will require new skills in the region, whose inhabitants number 4 million. The number of tractors in the area, now 18,000, would have to be doubled. The land would not lie fallow in the six-month dry season. Seven times the present labor force would be needed to till the fields. Fertilizer use would shoot up.

Kenya hikes prices of essential items

NAIROBI, Feb. 18 (AFP) — The government of Kenya Friday upped taxes on meat, milk, tea, and rice, raising their prices on behalf of 10 and 16 percent, in an effort to combat economic problems of this east African country.

Finance Minister Arthur Magugu made the announcement in the official *Kenya Gazette* published here Friday.

According to a new price system, people living in large towns will pay slightly more for meat than those in smaller towns and rural areas, but people in the remote areas of the northeastern province will pay more for rice to cover transport costs.

The government last announced price increases for consumers in December, when the prices of cigarettes and petrol (gasoline) went up between three and 23 percent.

The government has also banned the import of passenger vehicles unless authorized by the Ministry of Commerce, the official gazette announced. The ban does not affect motor cycles and vehicles imported by diplomats accredited to Kenya.

The move is an attempt to seal loopholes through which importers have in the past been able to bring in passenger vehicles by claiming they are gifts from friends and relatives abroad.

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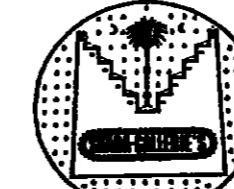
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OIL PRICE CUTS

One has to hand it to the United States for engineering the falling price of oil, the global glut and, of course, its own and Western economic recession.

Oil prices are falling and Britain has already announced its own rebate of three and a half dollars a barrel. Others will follow suit, some will be hurt deeply like Nigeria and Mexico because of their total dependence on oil revenues to pay for imports. Others will not care much, especially those in the Gulf. They will not collapse because of a ten percent drop in prices. They have small populations, huge surpluses and plenty of reserves.

In fact, the Arab producers raised their production in the past unwillingly in order to prevent a worldwide crisis brought about by a reduction in Iranian and Iraqi output because of the suicidal war that is going on between them. And when Syria, in support of Iran, prohibited the pumping of Iraqi oil through its Mediterranean pipeline, the situation worsened.

Indeed, Saudi Arabia and its Gulf partners had cautioned long and loud against any steep rises in prices and warned that if the prices rise fast, the world will find other and cheaper alternatives. This is happening now. Coal is already cheaper to use. The North Sea, Mexican and Alaskan oil came on stream when prices became attractive. Nuclear and solar energies are being produced on an ever-increasing scale and the world has learned to conserve power. Instead of raising the office temperature, the staff put on jumpers or kept their jackets on. So power was saved. Multiply this saving by millions of offices and homes worldwide and the figures speak for themselves in terms of a glut.

So the American recession has done its job. It has created over 12 million unemployed and returned to the soup kitchens as well as forcing the oil producers to cut their prices, the first time in decades.

But will OPEC learn its lesson and reconsider its implications? This is doubtful. The organization has been politicized beyond redemption.

Saudi Arabian press review

The local press Friday lamented the attacks on Saudi Arabia in the American press and blamed Israel and the Zionist lobby for it. *Al-Madina* explained the campaign by the fact that it is Saudi Arabia which is pressuring Lebanon into rejecting the Israeli conditions for withdrawal from that country. It is also Saudi Arabia which is bringing pressure to bear on King Hussein of Jordan not to hasten to enter the peace negotiations. And it is Saudi Arabia which doesn't cooperate much with the United States to carry out the Reagan Plan.

Local newspapers also highlighted news of the Arab summit slated next March as requested by King Hussein and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat after meetings of the Palestine National Council.

News of former Iranian President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr disclosed that he told Iraq never to fear any attack from Iran as long as he was president also figured on the local page of a Saudi Arabian daily. The papers also gave top billing to the failure of Lebanese President Amin Gemayel to form a military government, and to a statement by the Saudi Arabian ambassador to Syria to the effect that several foreign powers were conspiring against the Arab world.

Al-Jazirah said one of the most

Israel wants stalemate in Lebanon to prolong stay

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Landrum R. Bolling, research professor of diplomacy, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, returned from the Middle East to Washington, earlier this year after leading a study tour of 14 leaders from the broad evangelical sector of American Protestantism into first-hand acquaintance with the Muslim, Jewish and Christian communities of that area. Dr. Bolling, who began his travels in the Middle East in 1958 as a journalist, sought to help the members of the American delegation gain direct knowledge and understanding of the peoples in the Middle East and to examine the various dimensions of the efforts to bring peace and reconciliation to the region. In his long career first as a writer and later as college administrator and professor, Dr. Bolling has made innumerable trips to the Middle East. He has served as an American delegate to Soviet-American talks and in 1968 was chairman of the International Quaker Working Party on Middle East peace. He is the author of *Search for Peace in the Middle East* (1960). This exclusive interview was conducted in Washington.)

By Grace Halsell

WASHINGTON —

Q. When you were in Lebanon, did you get any kind of feeling or do you have any opinion about whether the Israelis will be willing to withdraw from that country?

Bolling: I don't think the Israelis are interested in withdrawing. They obviously have not gained from this invasion what they had hoped. It is clear that the Israeli leadership hoped they could do certain things: one, that they could crush the PLO totally, expel the PLO from Lebanon and break the will of the Palestinian people to resist Israeli policies. They very much hoped that their invasion would make it possible to install a Christian Phalangist-led government in Lebanon which would then make an immediate peace with Israel, and which would guarantee the security of the Israeli border, would guarantee to remove the potential for a PLO threat from the north, and by the elimination of the PLO presence in Lebanon and by a peace treaty with a new government installed in Beirut, Israel would be able to establish rather quickly normal, diplomatic, economic, financial, tourist, cultural relations with the Lebanese. They wanted to be able to regularize relations with their neighbors to the north, as they had attempted to do through the Camp David accords and the separate peace treaty with Egypt.

This plan went wrong, obviously. They crushed the PLO as a military force and they did expel the PLO fighting elements for the most part, at least those that were in the south of Lebanon and in Beirut, but they did not crush the will of the Palestinians to resist the Israelis, they did not destroy the PLO because they continue to function in other areas; they did not even get rid of all the PLO fighters in Lebanon because something like 10,000 of them remain behind in the Bekaa Valley and in Tripoli in the north, so there is still a PLO fighting presence inside Lebanon.

They had hoped that Bashir Gemayel would be elected president and of course that happened. They hoped that he would then make an immediate peace treaty with them which he did not do. Before his inauguration had taken place, they tried to pressure him into promises that he would make a peace treaty. This he refused to do, pointing out that Lebanon's interests were much more complicated than just making a peace treaty with Israel, that he had to maintain good relations with his Arab neighbors, and so it is quite clear that he was resisting Israeli pressure at the time he was killed.

He was succeeded, of course, by his elder brother Amin Gemayel, but Amin Gemayel was also unwilling to enter into an immediate peace treaty with Israel, so they have been thwarted on that front. The Syrians have remained behind in the Bekaa Valley and in the north. The intercommunal fighting between Druze and Christians, between lebanites and rightists has not ended.

A great many people in Lebanon feel that the Israelis have a kind of back-up strategy which is to get a Lebanese government in power which will make a peace treaty with them and normalize relations, the way the Israelis want it, and that the Israelis may be prepared to settle for a division of the country. Many people in Lebanon believe the Israeli strategy now is simply to hold onto what they have in the south, expand Haddad-land up to the edges of Beirut, let the Maronite Christians have the mountain villages where they have always been strong, and let the Syrians have the Bekaa Valley in the north and simply accept the partition of Lebanon as the best they can get for the foreseeable future and let it go at this.

Q. Did you hear anything about the Israelis taking over the Litani River?

Bolling: I heard some people saying that the Israelis sooner or later would start a pipeline and drain off water from the Litani into northern Israel. The Lebanese by now are extremely suspicious of the Israeli intentions. This includes even those

Lebanese who originally welcomed the Israeli invasion, and we have to be clear about it, a great many Lebanese were delighted to have Israel invade and expel the PLO. Many looked upon Israel as a kind of savior coming to drive out the PLO, but I noticed in talking with Lebanese last summer while the siege of Beirut was still going on, some of the strong supporters of the Phalangists whom I met in East Beirut said, "Well, we wanted to get rid of the PLO, but now that the Israelis are here, our big worry is: Will we ever get rid of the Israelis?" And they were not happy with what they saw of the Israelis. We heard many stories from the Lebanese about the involvement of the Israelis in business ventures in the south of Lebanon.

The Israelis were shipping into Lebanon a great deal of farm produce and manufactured goods. The Israeli airlines were selling trips abroad to Lebanon. They would take them by bus from Sidon down to Tel Aviv and put them aboard planes. As the Israelis talked about the rapid expansion of trade with south Lebanon, many Lebanese were unhappy about this because that trade was illegal from the Lebanese point of view. There was no customs duty paid on those imports so just on a purely commercial transaction basis, the Lebanese government was losing a great deal of revenue. The Israeli trucks with goods were simply being waved on through by the Israeli occupation authorities. So there was a lot of friction between the Lebanese and the Israelis. It has not worked out as the Israelis hoped it would.

Q. What did you hear about the 7,000 Arab prisoners that the Israelis are holding in Lebanon?

Bolling: They are incarcerated in a kind of tent city in a place called Ansar in south Lebanon not far from Sidon. The Israelis are very secretive about the camp and what goes on there. They have allowed the International Red Cross, and on a few occasions, they have allowed the outside press to come in for a visit, but the visitors were under very strict control. The future of the 7,000 prisoners is very uncertain. The Israelis have said they do not acknowledge the applicability of the Geneva Convention as regards humane treatment of prisoners because they do not consider the Arabs they captured as normal prisoners of war, but they classify all of them without exception as "terrorists." And the Israelis say that all of the Arab prisoners they hold must be dealt with differently than prisoners of war. The general impression among those with whom I talked in south Lebanon is that Israelis are using the Arab prisoners perhaps as bargaining chips later on in determining how they will deal with this area, and there is no guarantee as to when the Israelis will release the prisoners.

Q. Then is that the reason the anti-war movement in Israel is growing? Does it have more support?

Bolling: It is hard to get any clear picture of the proportion of the Israeli people who would really be firm opponents of Begin. However, we got some indication of the very substantial unhappiness of the Israeli people with what has happened from the size of the Peace Now demonstrations that are taking place. In the first days of the war in Lebanon, some of the Peace Now people in Tel Aviv tried to organize a demonstration against the invasion. They got out maybe a hundred people. I talked with some of them recently. At first, they were greeted in a very hostile way, they were attacked and physically beaten — by other Israelis who wanted to break up their demonstration.

But then a week later they put on a demonstration and got a lot more people and a little later, they got thousands, and finally a hundred thousand. Their greatest demonstrations came after the massacres of the Palestinians in the refugee camps. They wanted to protest Begin's effort to block an inquiry into the massacres. And they got by general agreement 400,000 people into the streets of Tel Aviv for that demonstration. That's 10 percent of the population of the whole country. That might have been the biggest political anti-war demonstration in the history of wars. This was in Israel and these were Jews, protesting against their government's policies.

Q. Regarding your visit to Jordan, do you feel

President Reagan will be successful in bringing King Hussein into peace talks? Can he act as long as Israel continues to occupy Lebanon and to build new settlements on the West Bank?

Bolling: I think to put it precisely: he cannot participate in the talks until there is some kind of consensus in the Arab world that he should enter into those talks. And the Arab world is not going to support his entering into the talks unless the Palestinians, and this means the PLO, will be satisfied to let him explore, at least, the possibility of getting somewhere through the talks.

Exploratory conversations between Arafat and King Hussein have been going on for many months about the terms under which Hussein could be the spokesman for the Palestinians. There is a basic agreement there; that if certain conditions were met, King Hussein could organize a delegation of Jordanians and Palestinians who would, sitting together, represent both the government of King Hussein and the Palestinians for the purpose of trying to work for Palestinian rights in direct negotiation with the Israelis — with the Americans and the Egyptians looking on. Now in general, it has been assumed that the conditions for such talks would mean the withdrawal of Israel from Lebanon and a freeze on settlements in the West Bank. Those are the two preconditions.

In one sense by setting those conditions the Arabs play once more into the hands of the Israelis, because the Israelis have no interest in starting these talks. As the Israelis see it, the longer they can stall, the better. They do not want to talk with the Palestinians. And if the stalemate continues in Lebanon indefinitely, the Israelis can say: "Since the Palestinians and other Arabs have said they are not going to talk until we withdraw from Lebanon (and the situation in Lebanon is such that we can't withdraw, or, in any case, we are not going to withdraw) — so we are not to be blamed because the talks can't get under way about the West Bank because the Arabs themselves are not prepared to talk under these circumstances."

So my view is that the Arabs and the Americans who have supported the conditions for talks about the West Bank are really in one sense on the wrong track.

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Q. Do you feel that Syria wants to withdraw its forces from Lebanon?

Bolling: I asked President Assad in November 1976, how long did he expect he would have his troops in Lebanon? He said, "Oh, no more than a year. We would not find it possible to keep our troops abroad more than a year." That was seven years ago. And the Syrian troops are still there. They obviously are not going to leave until the Syrians leave.

Q. In this regard, do you see collusion between the Syrians and Israel?

Bolling: There are people in Lebanon, Europe, America and other places who do believe there is a kind of tacit understanding or secret alliance between the Syrians under President Assad and the Israelis, under Begin: that they both stay there and that they both eventually divide up the country. Now, who can prove that there is any truth whatsoever in this? But the fact is that the Syrians have a stake in Israel doing what Israel is doing. And neither has any great regard in seeing a truly independent, free Lebanon created. Each has a feeling of vital interest in Lebanon and if Israel cannot get its "vital interest" assured through an independent Lebanese government (and it doesn't appear likely that it can), then the Israelis may be content to stay put in Lebanon and let the Syrians stay put, and you have in effect a kind of a deal even though there may be no communication between the Israelis and the Syrians at all on this issue.

Q. How much backing do the Lebanese who want a truly independent, free country feel they are getting from the United States?

Bolling: Not enough.

Q. Would you tell me about your most recent trip to the Middle East?

Bolling: This was a first experience for me, escorting a group of Americans on a study tour. The group included a pastor, a professor at a university theological seminary, members of the Christian broadcasting network. Our sponsors were the Jordan Society, an American nonprofit cultural exchange foundation with offices here in Washington, the Middle East Council of Churches with headquarters in Beirut and the Mercy Corps International, an international relief agency, with headquarters in Seattle, Washington.

Q. Before going over, how much would you say the Christian leaders in your group knew about the area and about Arabs in general?

Bolling: Three members of the group had been in the area once before, two on more or less independent trips of their own, and one man had only been in Israel. He had been on a Zionist escorted tour.

Q. Once once brought 40 million American Christians supported Israel and Israel.

Imposed by EEC

Danes refuse to extend Soviet curbs

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 18 (R) — Danish members of parliament refused Friday to renew European Economic Community trade sanctions against the Soviet Union, parliamentary sources said.

Denmark's Conservative-Liberal coalition government failed to get majority support from parliament's powerful Common Market relations committee for the sanctions to be continued, after the opposition Social Democrats withdrew their support for the action, the sources said. The 17-member parliamentary committee steers Denmark's Common Market policy.

The sanctions were imposed by the community last March, three months after martial law was declared in Poland. After the meeting, Danish Foreign Minister Uffe

Elleemann-Jensen said his government would now present parliament with a bill of Danish sanctions instead of European Community restrictions.

Parliamentary sources said Danish sanctions to replace the current measures which expire March 1 would probably receive majority support in parliament.

Elleemann-Jensen criticized the Social Democrats for not continuing to support the community sanctions, adding: "It would be a slap in the face for the Polish people, showing a lack of solidarity with our allies, to give up the sanctions."

The new bill would come under article 224 of the Treaty of Rome which allowed Denmark to impose its own sanctions rather than go through the community, the sources said.

U.S., EEC trade war over farm subsidies hots up

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (Agencies) — A mixed chorus of senators and farmers urged the Reagan administration Thursday to counteract in what they saw as a U.S. war with the European Economic Community (EEC) over the world's agricultural produce market.

The call came during a meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee on a dozen draft bills to help U.S. farmers export their products.

Committee Chairman Senator Jesse Helms, a North Carolina Republican,

Kjeld Olsen, a former Danish Social Democratic foreign minister and member of the committee, told Reuters his party had only reluctantly supported the sanctions under their present form which was based on article 113 of the Treaty of Rome.

His party felt the article detracted from the sovereignty of the Danish Parliament and it preferred article 224. The community sanctions ran until last December when its 10 member-states agreed to extend them in two-month period.

The sanctions affect 30 products — in Denmark's case only two percent of its imports from the Soviet Union — including canned fish, glass and pianos, to a total annual value of 15 million crowns (\$1.8 million).

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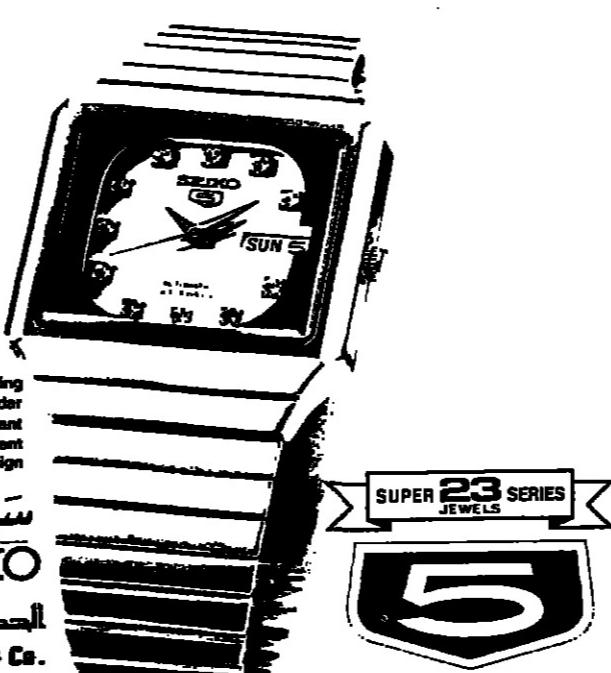
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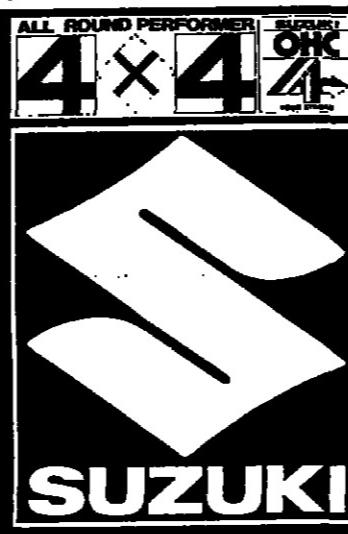
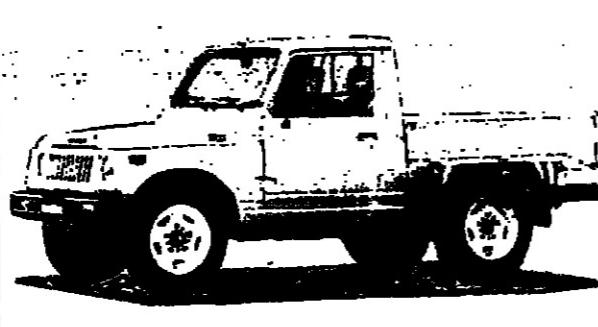
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Remembering CARE packages

Germans raise money for U.S. soup kitchens

By Paul Taylor

BONN (R) — It sounds incredible, but it's true: 38 years after the end of World War II, West Germans are sending food parcels to the United States.

Parcels are sent by private charity organizations, factory and town councils and church groups, from Germans apparently convinced that unemployed Americans are starving in Detroit, capital of the U.S. motor industry. It all began in December when West German television repeatedly showed film of people's kitchens dole out soup to queues of jobless in Detroit, where Mayor Coleman Young had declared a "hunger emergency."

The heart-rending pictures were accompanied by commentaries with a political undertone suggesting that under President Ronald Reagan, many out-of-work Americans were going hungry while the government spent billions on arms programs. The message fitted neatly with the poor image of the conservative Reagan administration among many West Germans.

"I never thought that twice in my life I would see pictures from the rich United States of thousands queuing for a bowl of soup," former Chancellor Will Brandt told a Social Democratic rally last month, in a comment geared to an election campaign.

West German unemployment, seen as a proportion of the total work force, has soared to near the level of the United States. It was 10.2 percent of the work force here in January, compared to 10.4 percent in the United States. Some West Germans, however, seem to feel that charity begins abroad.

Workers at the Adam Opel car factory in Rüsselsheim, a wholly-owned subsidiary of General Motors, have raised \$16,000 to help feed workers laid off by the parent company in Detroit.

The town council of Dietzenbach, near Frankfurt, donated \$10,000 to Detroit, and a

group in Chancellor Helmut Kohl's home town of Ludwigshafen sent food parcels. A generation ago, it was aid from the United States which helped get a shattered post-war West Germany back on its feet. The help came in the form of "CARE" packages of food and clothing and above all in the Marshall Plan, launched by then-U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall.

The present wave of aid offers, spurred partly by gratitude for that effort, has embarrassed the U.S. embassy in Bonn. Diplomats are privately angry about the tone of some of the West German media coverage of American unemployment. "The donors are sincere. But they don't seem to realize their generosity is perhaps being manipulated, by the media and others, for political reasons," one official said.

The U.S. Information Agency has distributed reports here aimed at discouraging donations from overseas. One lists the welfare benefits which unemployed Americans receive. Another quotes a jobless worker in Detroit, named only as "Curly," saying:

"They're good people if they want to do that. But if there's some way you can tell them, please tell them thanks, but we sort of look out for each other in this city."

Blaming the scenes on right-wing economic policies, he called them "dreadful results of an ideologically blinded policy." The public response has been widespread. A Lutheran pastor in Hanover launched a "help for Detroit" appeal to raise money for the soup kitchens. Car workers in Rüsselsheim passed the hat round for U.S. colleagues made redundant by General Motors.

The town council of Dietzenbach, near

Austria, improved to encourage drivers to leave their vehicles outside the central area.

Mayor Close admits that the primacy of the automobile is no longer as widely accepted these days as it once was. But he complains that many projects to which the Ecolos object belong to the state, not the council. And while his party has many policy similarities with the ecologists, working with them required a change of style, the mayor said. "Policy used to be settled within a small circle," he said. "One could decide and explain afterward. Now one has to discuss problems with many people, convince them first and only then make the decision."

M. Yans, sipping tea in an ante-room (he shuns the deep leather chair, marble table and ceiling paintings of his official domain) he says the council should ask the government to stop big, expensive public works projects. He says it should spend the money instead on house renovation and the development of home industries using bio-technology and micro-electronics.

Place St. Lambert, previously the bustling center of the town, has been turned into a giant car park, while pleasant tree-lined walks along the banks of the Meuse River have been replaced by lanes of concrete. "Liege has lost 20,000 of its population in the last six years as houses have been destroyed to make motorways to the city center," Yans complains.

But he recalls with amusement the skepticism of traditional politicians as they watched the ecologist movement thrash out the strategy they were to bring to the Liege coalition. Another Ecolo councilor, Olivier Bribosia, wonders whether power will corrupt.

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High rail to ease Manila's traffic jams

By Manolo B. Jara

MANILA (Depthnews) — How do you beat Manila's traffic jams? Travel above it, so goes the joke.

But traveling above the mass of slow-moving vehicles in Manila's main streets may cease to be a joke. The first few hundred concrete columns of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) system are going up, and by mid-1984 millions of commuters would be traveling daily "above the traffic jams."

Traffic bottlenecks are a daily occurrence in Manila even in fine weather. The situation gets doubly messy during the rainy season that starts in June and ends in September when streets get flooded and potholes paralyze the movement of vehicles. There is no escaping from the scramble to get to the city in the morning and out of it in the afternoon. Because the streets are too narrow for the big number of vehicles using the roads, one stalled car can create monstrous traffic bottlenecks over a wide area.

Even without the transient workers that flood Manila daily, the city is already bursting at the seams with its population of more than four million. During the day, this figure swells as residents of the three other cities — Pasay, Quezon and Caloocan — and the 13 municipalities comprising Metro Manila, converge on the city.

Despite the relocation of some government offices to places outside the city limits, and the growth of business centers in the suburbs, Manila remains the country's main business and entertainment hub and the site of international conferences. The LRT now under construction at a cost of \$253 million is the hoped-for solution to the agonizing traffic mess in Manila. Running two ways about 15 feet above the ground, both sides of the road would still be open to vehicular traffic. Thus the system would not impede traffic at street level.

Other mass transport systems, such as the monorail and subway, were considered for Metro Manila, but later abandoned. Although it would cost much less than the LRT system, the monorail would service only short distances and accommodate only half that of the LRT's capacity. Government transport planners said there was no way the monorail system could be used as an inter-modal means of transportation.

The noise pollution factor also worked in favor of the LRT. The system will only have a noise level of 20 decibels, or 30 decibels at its

worst; monorail trains would have 125 to 130 decibels. The LRT will use resilient wheels and its special suspension system is designed to reduce the noise on the motor drives of LRT cars.

Light Rail Transport Authority (LRTA) officials said that besides being non-smoke belchers, LRT cars would be no noisier than the diesel engine buses that operate in the city. The subway proposal was similarly junked because of the gargantuan expense it would take to construct the system. Another overriding reason was the peculiar geological structure of Manila, with its water table practically at land surface.

Still, heavy downpours cause floods that tie up traffic in many areas of the metropolis. But floods are one thing, the number of vehicles plying Manila's streets, quite another. There are about 2,750 buses and minibuses operating in Metro Manila, about 100,000 passenger jeepneys, 8,000 taxicabs and upwards of 200,000 privately-owned cars. A big percentage of these vehicles use the streets daily. The government's decision to adopt the LRT system was based on its passenger carriage capacity, energy-saving efficiency, potential for upgrading and safety.

The LRT has been hailed as an efficient road space user, a crucial factor for any transport system in an area with a limited space as Metro Manila, particularly the city of Manila.

The LRT will service about 294,000 passengers daily on its Balintawak-Baclaran line, a distance of about 16 kilometers that will be covered in 15 minutes, compared with more than an hour's ride by bus under very light traffic conditions. The LRT will service three lines divided into stages I, II and III. Stage I will cover the distance starting from Balintawak in Quezon City, passing through Rizal Avenue in Manila and Pasay City and winding up at Baclaran near the new Manila International Airport (MIA) in the town of Paranaque.

There will be three main terminals which will serve as transfer points for passengers.

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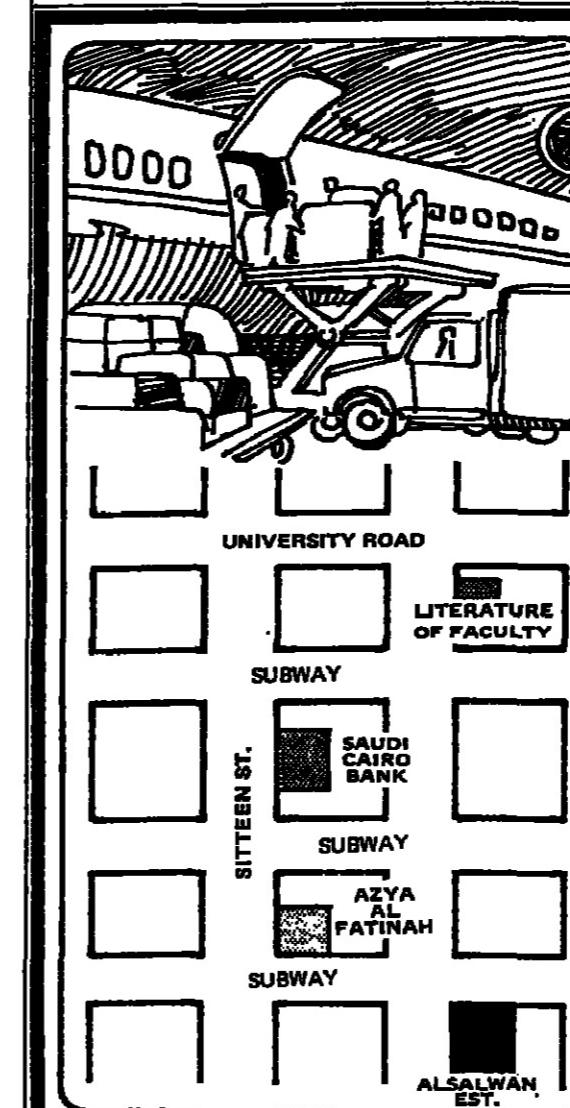
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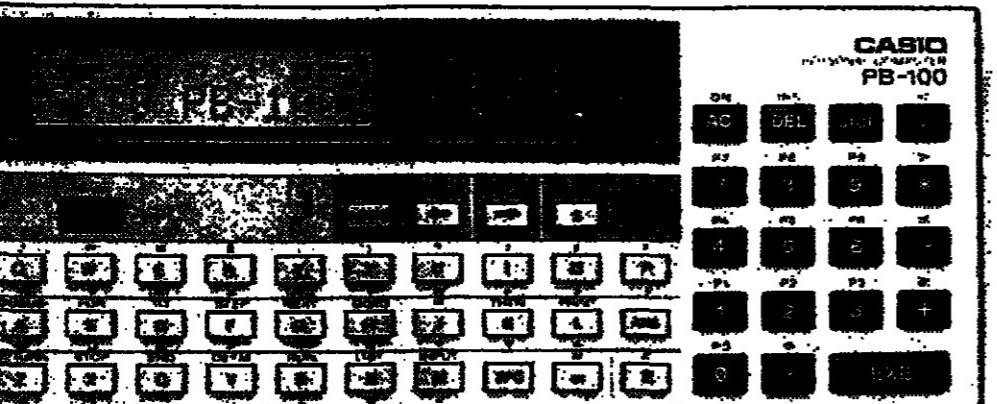
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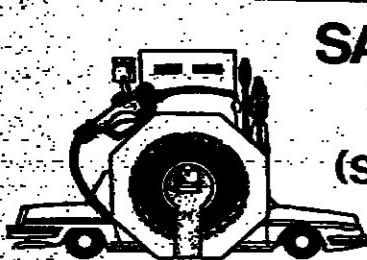
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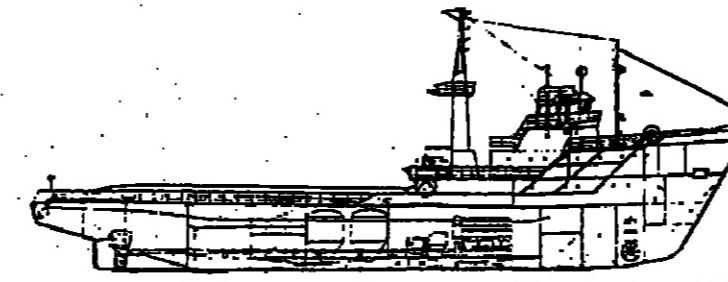
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Heated debate is on

Hong Kong's future under Chinese flag

By Michael Parks

HONG KONG (LAT) — Slowly, anxiously, the British crown colony of Hong Kong is accepting the inevitability of its future as a part of China.

What was a nightmarish prospect six months ago, rejected by most of Hong Kong's 5.5 million people, is now being negotiated by Britain and China, and the focus of discussion here has shifted toward what sort of place Hong Kong will be under the Chinese flag.

Proposed scenarios vary and there is a growing debate among Hong Kong's residents about how to get what is best for them. But for a colony which has been the epitome of laissez-faire capitalism, takeover by the Communist Chinese colossus will be wrenching under almost any scenario, all the more so because virtually everyone here is here because he prefers Hong Kong's freedom to the socialism of China.

Continuation of the status quo under British rule was the preference of 95 percent of Hong Kong residents, a public opinion poll showed last spring.

Concern has grown and is measurable now in the sharply increased efforts to immigrate to the United States, Canada and Australia, by the continued outflow of capital, by the much-diminished new investment and the delay of even the Hong Kong government's big projects and by what a social worker calls "a general rise of angst...and of social pathology."

"Hong Kong is going to be part of China not later than 1997," one council member, R. Denny Huang, said. "There is no doubt about it."

Students at the Chinese University now flock to meetings on the theme "Is China coming?" the head of the Hong Kong Professional Teachers Union wants a revision of the school curriculum to prepare students for the Chinese takeover. Secretaries and clerks at

the General Electric Co. office have begun to learn the standard Peking civil dialect. And senior Chinese civil servants are quietly moving abroad as they retire.

Hong Kong's future, long a taboo subject in both the British and Chinese communities here, became topic No. 1 last year when London and Peking agreed to negotiate what in effect will be the terms for the colony's return to Chinese sovereignty.

Britain's lease of 90 percent of Hong Kong's 410 square miles will expire in 1997 and strip the prosperous colony of most of its factories, housing and farmland, thus setting a deadline for the whole territory's return to Chinese sovereignty.

Britain claims to hold in perpetuity Hong Kong island itself and the Kowloon peninsula under two 19th-century treaties that China does not recognize, but it is trying to trade them for an agreement that will satisfy its acknowledged "moral responsibility" to the people of Hong Kong for their future.

China has succeeded in shaping this debate over the colony's future by declaring at the highest levels in Peking, and through its representatives here, that "Hong Kong will be governed by Hong Kong people and that 'nothing will change' in its economic or social system. Peking's plan is to make Hong Kong a 'special administrative region,' as provided for in the new Chinese constitution, and grant it maximum autonomy.

These Chinese assurances have brought forward dozens of ideas in the last four months on how to transform the British colony into a Chinese special administrative region, on what elements are essential to Hong Kong's "continued stability and prosperity," the stated Chinese and British goal, and on how to guarantee this settlement so that confidence is restored here.

The most comprehensive scenario, which is still only a partial plan, was put forward this month by Meeting Point, a group of about 40 politically active businessmen, social workers, teachers, lawyers and journalists who accept Peking's promises at face value and outline a transition from British colonial rule to self-government.

The Meeting Point proposal calls for election of a Chinese mayor, a city council and other officials, and legislation by China's National People's Congress, the country's parliament, to confirm continuation of capitalism here, including a convertible currency, a free port and the present legal system, and to ensure basic rights such as free speech, a free press and political participation for all.

"We stress Chinese nationalism as the basis for the resumption of Chinese sovereignty — we are, almost all of us, Chinese, and that is important—but we put Hong Kong first," said Yeung Sum, a lecturer in social work at Hong Kong University and a Meeting Point organizer. "The point is that identification with China as patriotic Chinese is different from identification with the political and economic system on the (Chinese) mainland.

A much different proposal is offered by Jimmy McGregor, a former government official who is now director of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce. His solution, widely echoed in the foreign business community, is for the British to give back sovereignty, turning Hong Kong from a British colony into a special administrative region of China, but then, with Peking's agreement, to stay on as the administering power.

Dr. L.K. Ding, an American-educated physician has no doubt that Hong Kong will become a special administrative region of China. "So the focus of the discussion is not — at least should not be — how to keep the present system but how to maintain in a new one the freedoms it gives," he said.

word watch

By Howard Dana Shaw

The Sheik of yesterday: A friend was taken aback when he heard a radio announcer pronounce sheik SHAKE. How do you pronounce it? How do you spell it?

All my dictionaries show two ways to pronounce it — SHEEK and SHAKE. Most of them give SHEEK first. Some say SHAKE is British.

Dictionary entries have also shown two spellings — sheik and sheikh. The sheikh spelling is a little more likely to refer to an Arabian chief (of family, village, or tribe). A sheik, or sheikh, can also be an official in a Muslim religious organization.

Nowadays most of us, when we see the word, think of a billionaire oil producer from down east. To romantic gals of another day, a sheik was a young man who was irresistibly attractive.

Anybody around here remember Rudolph Valentino and the song "The Sheik of Araby?"

Hamming a difference: A woman wrote to a human relations columnist in high dudgeon, asserting that "children aren't raised; they are reared." I searched long and hard to find an authority that would back her up, and this was the result:

Most dictionaries give rear as one definition

tion raise, and raise as a definition of rear. But the American Heritage Dictionary, which has a Usage Panel, they refer such things to, reports this way: Raise, in the sense of rearing children, is acceptable to 82 percent of the panel. Rear is the more formal term."

An author named Harry Shaw (no relationship) in Errors in English, says "When referring to bringing up children, rear, raise, and bringing up may all be used. Rear is preferred; raise is colloquial."

Latin without pain: An everyday abbreviation that seems to give some folks trouble is etc. If you know your Latin (I flunked it myself) you know that etc. stands for *et cetera*. And you are aware that et means "and" — and that *cetera* means "the rest" or "others of the same kind."

Strictly speaking, it shouldn't be used as an equivalent of "and so forth" unless you're talking about similar things. You can pronounce it ET CETERA, or ET SETRA. But don't say "and etc." as an occasional writer does.

According to a usage note in the American Heritage Dictionary, the abbreviation etc. is proper in informal writing or technical or business use, but it is not appropriate to formal writing in general.

Italy welcomes exiled king

By Peter Jarocki

ROME (LOS) — Italy has taken the first constitutional step needed to allow the country's former king, Umberto II, to return after 36 years of banishment.

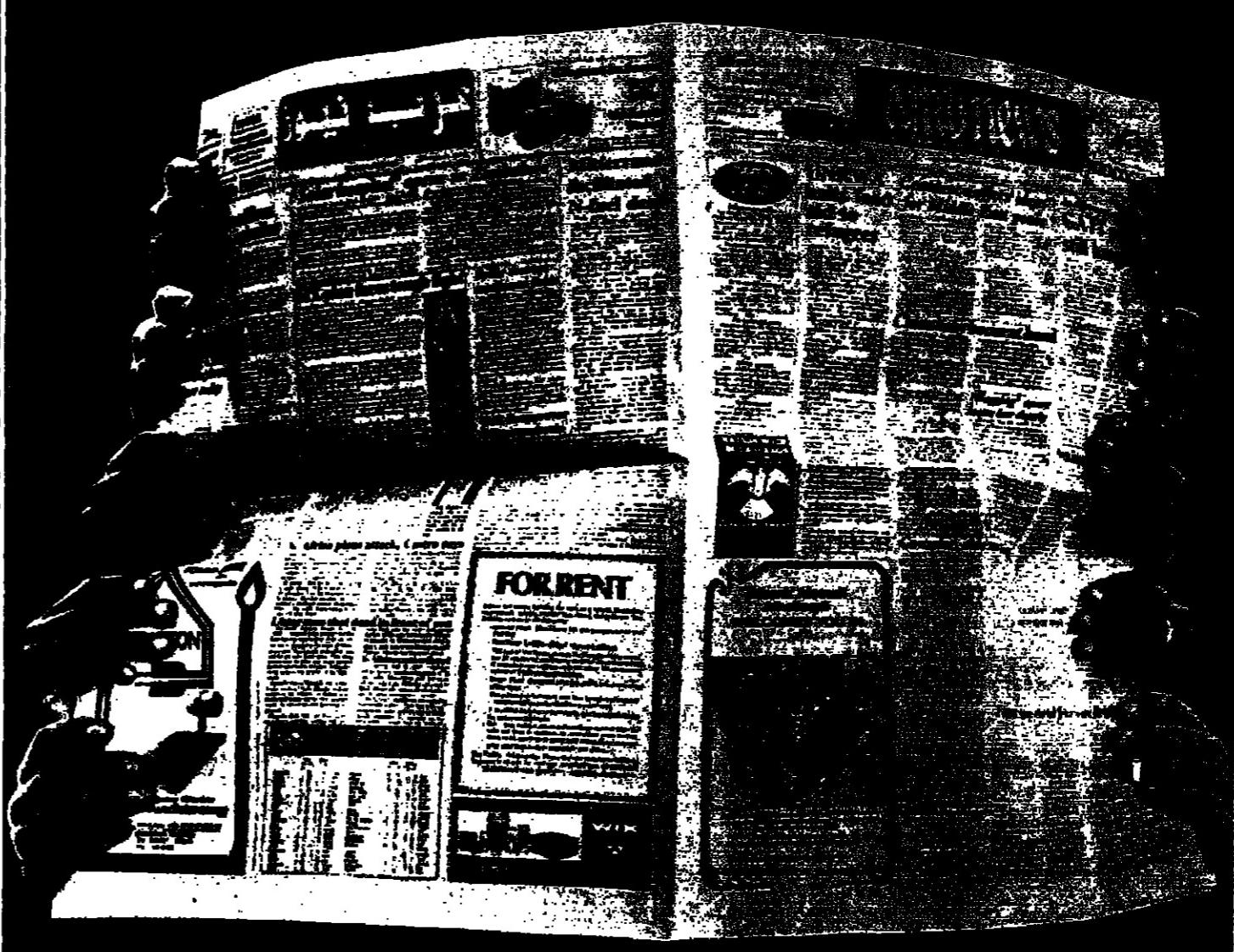
A few days ago, the constitutional committee of the House of Deputies voted unanimously — apart from the abstention of the Communists — to abolish the articles in the republic's 1947 constitution which forbid the ex-sovereign and his male descendants to set foot on Italian soil.

Umberto II reigned for only 34 days in May and June of 1946 after his father, Victor Emmanuel III, had abdicated in his favor. During those days he campaigned vigorously for the retention of the monarchy in a constitutional referendum held on June 2, 1946. Although the monarchy did not fare badly it lost to the republic, which was instituted with 12,100,000 votes in favor and 10,300,000 against.

Banishment followed. The House of Savoy was blamed for having helped Mussolini and fascism to power and 18 months later it was punished by the new constitution which made the king's exile compulsory.

Until the 1950s, the future of the monarchy remained an important political issue

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FIREWORKS: Whatever may be the anxieties about the political future of the colony, the Hong Kong residents celebrated the Chinese New Year with customary fireworks fantasy over the Victoria Harbor last Sunday with a total of 5,447 fireworks.

Bonsai culture

The art of dwarfing trees

By Maqbool A. Siraj

A fully grown orange tree, with marble sized fruits stands just 24 inches high. Another with a capacity to grow to a vertical height of 80 feet has been dwarfed to mere 12 inches, and guavas kiss earth in tree not above 30 inches. A flight of imagination? No, it is all the wonder of Bonsai culture, a technique to dwarf trees, make them portable with all characteristics typical of a tree and intact.

You can virtually grow a forest on your mantelpiece or in the front veranda. Bonsai, originally a Chinese botanical skill, is finding wide popularity among nature-lovers and aesthetes home decorators keen on mingling nature with interior home decoration. The highly portable, mobile minitrees come handy to blend the houses with strands of nature by being adaptable to mud pots or even jars or large vases.

"Bonsais," the dwarfed trees, shed no physical features in their miniature forms. The stems become woody, send adventitious roots down, show usual symptoms of autumn or spring, develop inflorescence and yield fruit, no doubt smaller in size. The spectacle of a bougainvillea or guava tree in full blossom with a height ranging from 18 to 36 inches is simply bewitching.

There are bonsais in natural forests too, though very rare. It is said natural bonsais are found by the side of rivulets in highly shaded trees or as parasite plants on the crevices of big trees.

Chinese developed the technique by studying the environment of natural bonsais. The bonsai culture at home is however possible and Japanese have developed the skill to virtually grow forests at home. Home culture involves the following process:

The graft or nursery seedling of a tree desired to be grown in a bonsai is pressed into a shallow container about six to eight inches in depth. Earthenware suit more as containers as they are porous and do not allow water to clog. Porcelain pots, bamboo shells or dealwood boxes can also be used provided

watering is controlled. Soil is then mixed with manure. Better avoid chemical fertilizers. Small pebbles or brickbats are kept around the roots to avoid exposure to sun and wind.

Careful pruning is vital in Bonsai culture as the branches protrude and plants asserts its right to grow into a tree. The protrusions which might rise skyward need to be chopped off neatly to curb the vertical growth. The branches which droop on sides should be left to grow sizably. The whole idea in scissoring should be aimed at lending the plant a shape of a fully grown tree.

Another way to check upward growth is to anchor down weights from the rising branches in order to bend them downward. It may also be achieved by tying them down to lower stout branches. Being flexible at early stage, the branches later develop natural bends. For tying purposes jute thread is preferable as it decays by itself while bending the branches. Metal wires leave scars over the bark.

Root pruning should be undertaken when it threatens to come out of the pot. Tap root (main root system) should not be pruned at a tender stage.

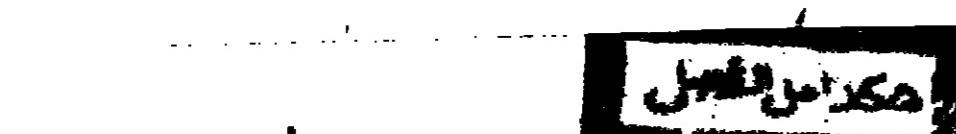
The trees should be kept in shady places and should be exposed to morning sun only in order to check photosynthesis. M.C. Madappa, a renowned bonsai culturist of India who has grown over 2,000 bonsais was able to restrict tree to 12 inches. He achieved this marvelous feat by placing the plant under his glass-paneled table which allowed filtered sun. According to him, the ideal method is to grow bonsais beneath the creeper's shade.

The pruning however does not affect the process of aging. The stem would get hardened later to acquire bark. Roots would also get tougher. In some situations the pruning alone will not do the trick. At times the stem would have to be twisted and allowed to gnarl.

Bonsai, being the perfect replica of a big tree, is catching the fancy of home decorators. Moreover researchers find them easy to keep inside laboratories and conduct experiments.



STUNTED: The stunted trunk of a 15-year-old bonsai specimen tree.



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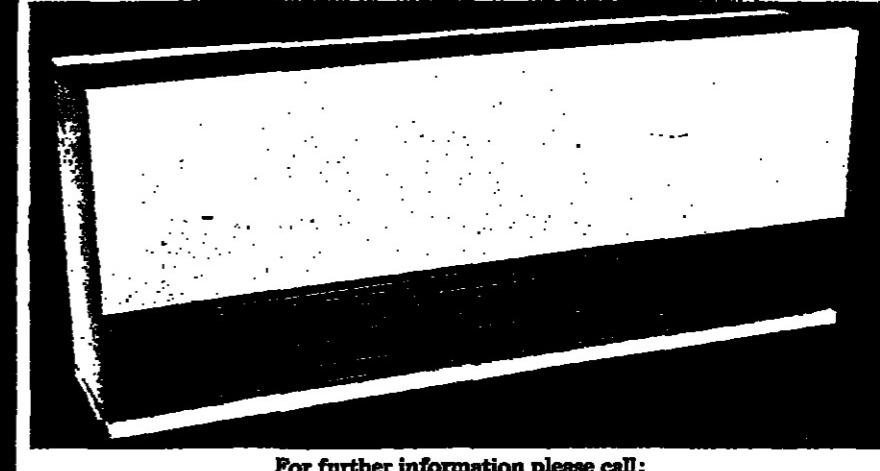
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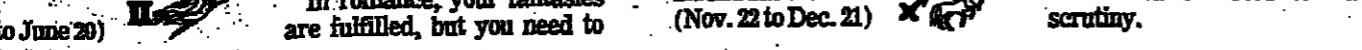
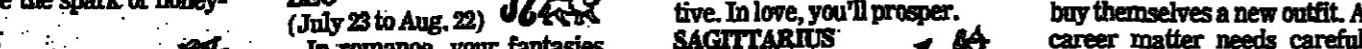
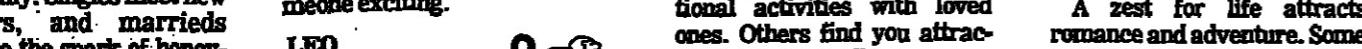
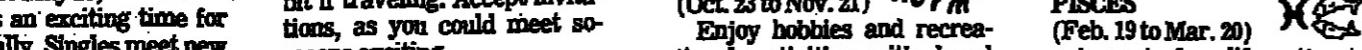
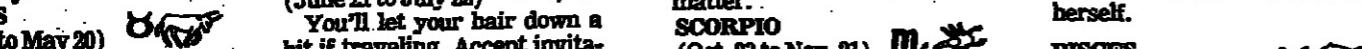
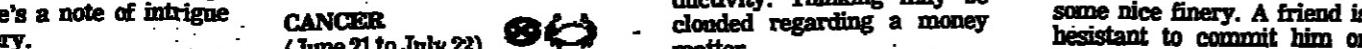
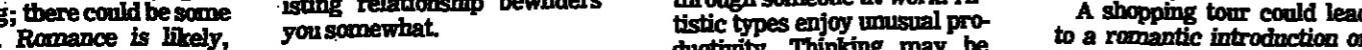
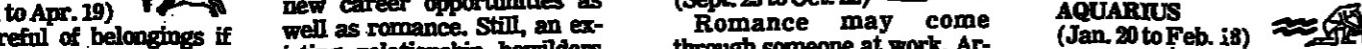
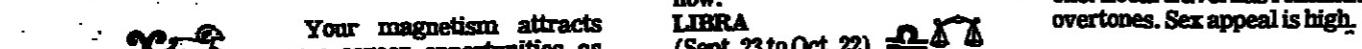
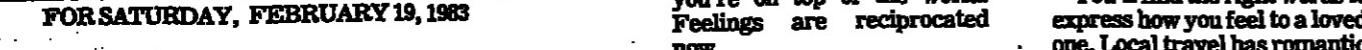
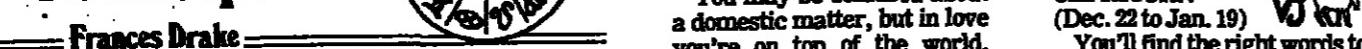
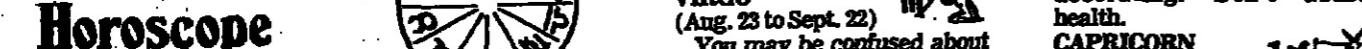
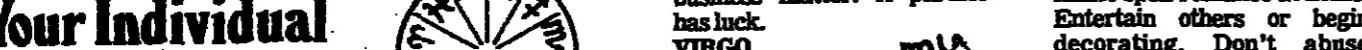
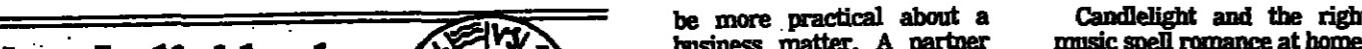
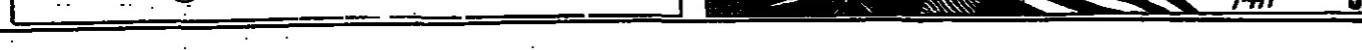
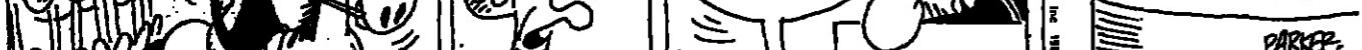
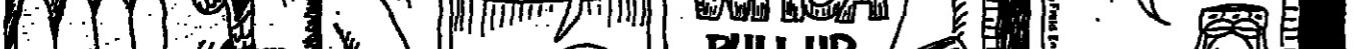
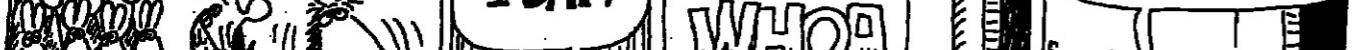
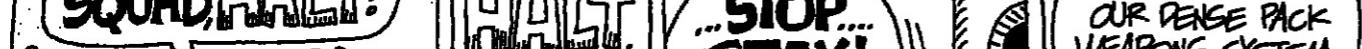
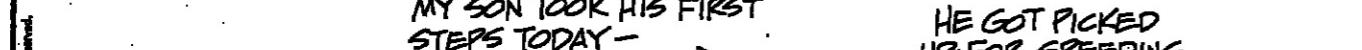
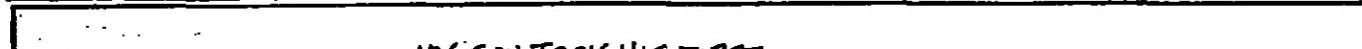
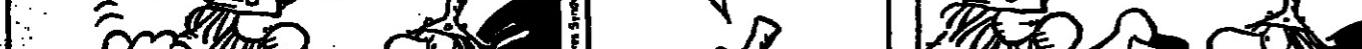
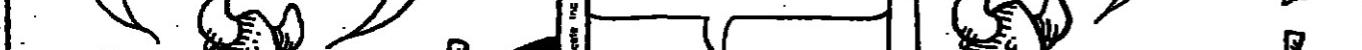
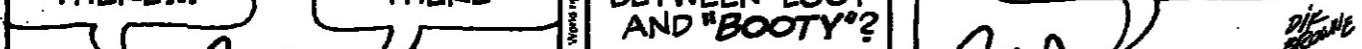
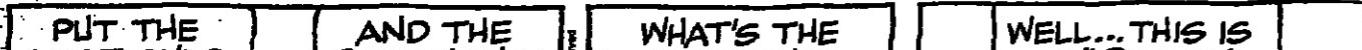
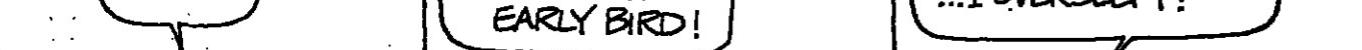
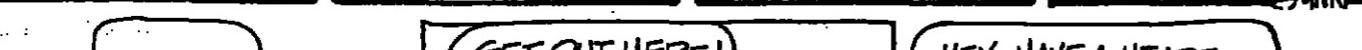
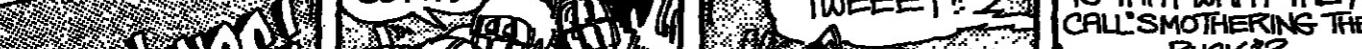
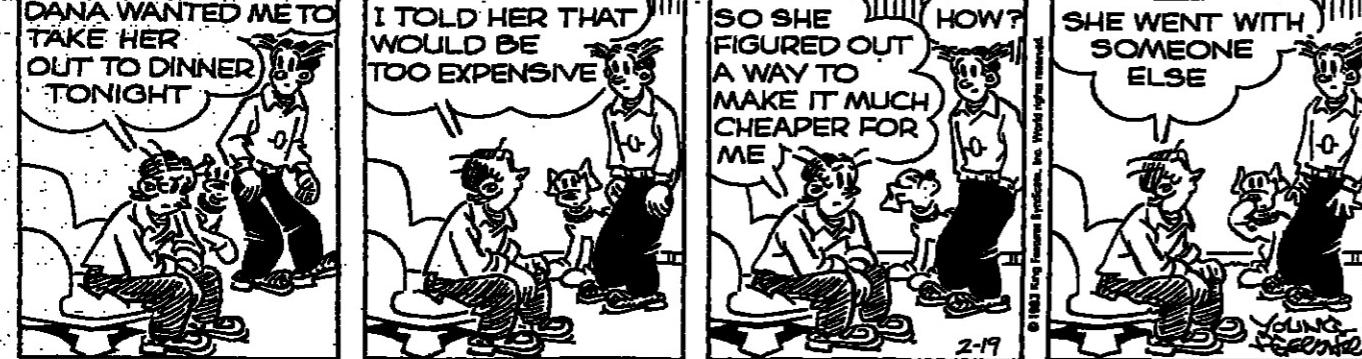
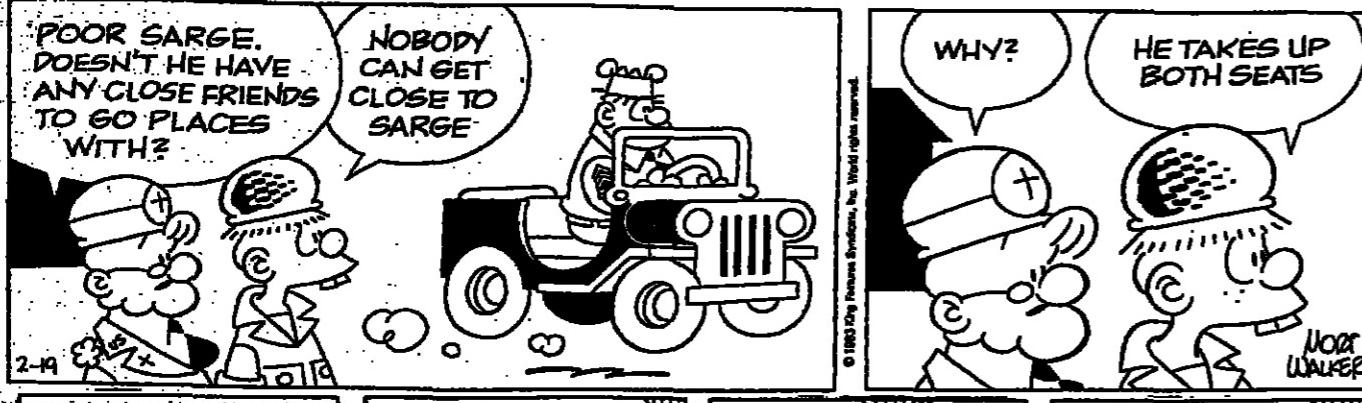
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As battle to contain bushfires goes on

Australian charged with arson

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 18 (Agencies) — A 19-year-old youth was charged with arson Friday as firefighters battled to contain bushfires that have killed 69 persons in the past two days in southeastern Australia.

Adelaide police charged the youth with deliberately setting a fire in the Adelaide Hills where nine persons died and 100 homes were destroyed Wednesday.

In accordance with Australian law, the youth's name and details of the charges will not be released until he appears in court.

Police and firefighters in the ravaged states of Victoria and South Australia have claimed that some of the fires appeared to have been deliberately set. Victorian Premier John Cain said at one time 100 fires were burning in his state on Wednesday, and suggested that arsonists were responsible for some of the outbreaks.

Investigations into some of the fires came as the citizens of both states assessed the wreckage of the firestorms which destroyed more than 2,000 houses, left 8,000 persons homeless and caused at least \$350 million damage.

Tales of heroism and lucky escapes emerged Friday as the full extent of the disaster emerged. Survivors told how 83 of them squeezed into a concrete storm drain as trees and houses exploded around them in the 62

mile-an-hour winds.

Three pregnant women and 20 children were in the group which huddled all night in the culvert at Upper Yarra Valley, 80 kilometers north of Melbourne.

John Lakey, a reporter for a Melbourne newspaper, was trapped with them and told how fathers sang lullabies to the children who took their pens with them into the tunnel that carries the water pipes supplying Melbourne. "It's a miracle they survived," said a fire authority spokesman.

The fires Friday burned through the forest

surrounding the main catchment area for Melbourne's water supply and threatened the town of Warburton, 30 kilometers north of the state capital.

Almost 10,000 firefighters were deployed in Victoria where the fires have burned out 3,000 sq km according to the department of agriculture. In south Australia where police said fires were under control 5,500 sq km were estimated to have been burned out.

The scale of the horror prompted a massive response from Australians who have flooded relief agencies with donations.

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Havoc reminds of atomic bombing

MELBOURNE, Feb. 18 (R) — Bushfires which raged through a small town near Melbourne caused damage equivalent to the blast of an atomic bomb like the one dropped on Hiroshima, according to a fire management expert.

Professor Ian Ferguson of Melbourne University's forestry department said the fire which obliterated the area around Cockatoo and killed 26 persons was about 30 times more intense than a normal bushfire.

"A controllable bushfire can be measured at about 2,000 kilowatts of heat energy per meter. These latest fires would be

around 60,000 kilowatts per meter," he told *The Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper.

"There would be definite similarities with the bomb dropped on Hiroshima." Witnesses described huge, incandescent flames roaring like trains through town streets, consuming everything they touched.

Half a dozen small towns in Victoria were almost completely destroyed in the two-day firestorm and the pictures shown in the Australia media were reminiscent of the devastation in Japan after the world's first wartime atomic blast.

U.K. soldier takes tank for a joy ride

BASINGSTOKE, England, Feb. 18 (AP) — A soldier took a 50-ton army tank on 128-kilometer joyride along quiet country lanes Friday and ended up in a school playground, police said.

Residents of Basingstoke, a village 80 kilometers southwest of London, were awakened by the early-morning rumble, but there was little damage beyond a few crushed curb stones.

The tank, a modified version of the Chief-tain used for laying steel bridges, was driven from the Royal Armored Corps School at Bovington Camp in Dorset at 2 a.m.

A police spokesman, who did not want to be identified, said the driver was a soldier who had been on a night driving course.

Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency, quoted an army official as saying: "Everybody else on the course had gone to bed, flaked out. This man decided to go for a ride."

Basingstoke police were questioning the unidentified soldier, but there was no immediate decision on whether to press charges.

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rejected this, too, and agreed that Gen. Saghi, head of military intelligence, and Gen. Yaron, commander of Beirut region, appear before the cabinet before it issues its resolution. The inquiry committee report, however, demanded Saghi's dismissal and suggested that Yaron be deprived of any field command for a period of three years. The two appeared before the government on Feb. 10.

Meanwhile, a comment issued by the Israeli interior minister engaged the attention of political observers. After a cabinet meeting, which was also attended by Sharon, the interior minister said that "there is a smell of a revolution." He seems to have so commented because Sharon had given threats during the cabinet meeting. According to well-informed European sources, Sharon did not openly threaten of a coup but wanted to tell his colleagues that he was a powerful person in Israel and it would not be easy to get rid of him. It is understood that, on Feb. 10 itself, Sharon's supporters had thronged before the government headquarters in occupied Jerusalem and had made an attempt to prevent Sharon's ouster from the cabinet. A serious incident, and the first-ever of its kind in Israel, then took place; the clashes between Sharon's supporters and members of the peace movement turned into bloody fighting in which a hand grenade was also thrown by one of Sharon's men. An Israeli reserve policeman was killed and some others, including the interior minister's son, were injured. This incident showed the extent of a major rift in the Israeli society and the limits to which Sharon's supporters could go to achieve their objectives.

In the opinion of an Israeli affairs expert, the incident should have provided enough reason for the Begin's government to oust Sharon completely from the cabinet, if he had not represented a powerful element in the Israeli society. On the same evening, the Israeli cabinet passed the Inquiry Committee's recommendations by a majority of 16 votes. The only opposing vote was that of Sharon who resigned from the Defense Ministry but retained his position as minister without portfolio.

On the day following, Sharon sent a strange letter to Begin capitulating himself to the cabinet's decision and declaring his resolve to quit the defense post. He, however, added that "I wish to make it clear that I don't have the intention to resign from the government and I shall continue my service as a minister." Being an unprecedented letter in Israel's political history, it showed Sharon's confidence in his power. In a valedictory speech held last Monday at the Defense Ministry, Sharon said: "I am not vanquished, because a man does not derive his power from his post but from his confidence in the correctness of his political plan."

The Sharonists do not admire the former defense minister because he is an outstanding military leader or a political wizard, but because he epitomizes, more than Begin himself, the idea of a "Greater Israel". Sharon's supporters see in him the man who would rule Israel in the eighties after the departure of Begin. They consider him as the man who plans to impose Israel's hegemony over the Middle East and to transform the Jewish state into a major power along the lines of America and the Soviet Union. Sharon's supporters are, in fact, both in Israel and outside. According to a highly informed Arab source, a high-ranking Lebanese official complained to him that the Sharonists had their influence in Lebanon and jeopardized the activities of the legitimate authority of the country. He said that they were trying to implement Sharon's plots for them considered them "best" for ensuring the security of Christians in Lebanon. The Sharonists in Lebanon are composed of those elements who have received training in Israel and established strong ties with the Israelis, especially with Sharon, he added.

In fact, the invasion of Lebanon, which was basically plotted by Sharon immediately after assuming the defense post in the summer of 1981, is both an "ideal" and a "stage". It is an

ideal of what Israel has been dreaming to achieve in other states of the region. On the other hand, it constitutes an important stage of the Zionist plot to build the "Israeli Empire" with its hegemony over the Middle East. In December, 1981, Sharon told Yuri Eveneri, a Knesset member and journalist who met Yasser Arafat in Beirut during the Israeli siege and then in Tunis last month, that he intended to invade Lebanon and strike the PLO at the "appropriate time". Once in the seventies, Sharon had asked Eveneri to pave the way for a secret meeting with Arafat, in order to map out joint plans to topple the Jordanian government and to turn the country into a state for the Palestinians. But the attempt had failed and no meeting was held. What is significant in the matter is that when Eveneri got acquainted with Sharon's plot, he immediately met with a prominent Palestinian personality and asked him to convey the matter to Arafat. The information was actually transmitted and turned out to be in conformity with the information from other sources that Israel was preparing for a major operation in Lebanon. In this connection, it may be noted that, since early 1982, the PLO leadership had been saying that Israel was making preparations for a major offensive.

Sharon's actions in Lebanon were based on his belief that it was his war and Lebanon was his own country. The invasion took place with America's approval, though the American sources say that the approval was for an operation in South Lebanon only. Israel denied this and asserted that the approval incorporated an all-out offensive, and the rift with Washington took a serious turn after the Sabra and Shatila pogrom. However, Sharon exploited the American approval to the fullest extent in the first stages of the invasion, then he began criticizing the U.S. as he prepared to put Lebanon under Israel's domination. Sharon took several political and military decisions in the Lebanese crisis without any prior sanction from the Israeli government and brought Begin and other ministers before a *faid accompli* more than once. He exerted the utmost effort to oust the Americans from the Lebanese-Israeli negotiations, and therefore, the Americans believe that Sharon was responsible for provocations with American and other multinational forces, so that they leave the country. In this behalf, quite a few Lebanese officials have detailed information on Sharon's attempts to exploit the Lebanese legitimate authority and to bring it under the Israeli terms and conditions.

As the time of the publication of the inquiry committee's report approached, Sharon increased pressure on the Lebanese in an attempt to strike a political accord securing for him a "victory" to cover up the outcome of the committee report. He threatened some Christian personalities in Lebanon that Israel might alter its alliances and leave the Christians to their fate if there was no rapid and direct accord with Israel on various issues. But Sharon failed and this situation led to a severe tension between him and the "Lebanese Front". Open criticisms came from the front's chairman Camille Chamoun and the Phalangist Party leader Pierre Gemayel.

The invasion of Lebanon was part of the Zionist Middle East plan in the eighties or, better still, the Sharon plot. To begin with, the plan envisages that Israel's objective in the eighties must be to disintegrate the Arab states and make them smaller sectarian entities, with special concentration on Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Egypt and Jordan. According to the plan, Jordan is the country for Palestinians and it must be given to them as it would lead to the "neutralization" of the Palestinian problem. It further says that the disintegration of Egypt must be Israel's basic objective on the Western front, and maintains that the fall of Egypt would bring in the same fate to Sudan, Libya and other states. On the eastern front, the plan says that Israel should concentrate on dividing Lebanon into five districts and then work on the dismemberment of Syria and Iraq. The plan adds that "from the military and strategic point, the West under the U.S. leadership cannot confront the Soviet Union's pressures in various

Indian opposition boycotts parliament over Assam

ASSAMANE groups which want the illegal immigrants, mainly Muslims from Bangladesh, expelled.

More deaths reported so far have occurred in clashes between Indian Assamese opposed to the elections and immigrant or tribal groups supporting the poll. In addition, many have been killed by police opening fire to disperse violent crowds and thousands have been left homeless as a result of arson attacks.

The five non-Communist parties which boycotted parliament Thursday to protest the government's handling of election violence in Assam state, scene of some of the country's worst political unrest since independence in 1947.

At least 250 persons have been killed this month in ethnic clashes sparked by militant Hindu Assamese who want to halt voting for a new state assembly because, they say, electoral rolls have been swollen by illegal Muslim immigrants. The opposition boycott was aimed at President Zail Singh's opening speech to a new session of parliament.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government placed Assam under rule from New Delhi last March and changes would be needed to the Indian Constitution to extend central control beyond one year.

The voting for the 126-seat state assembly, which began on Monday and is due to end on Sunday, continued Friday in some areas amid reports of fresh clashes and incidents of arson. Tension remained high in the central town of Mangaldoi, where authorities imposed a curfew Thursday night after nine persons were killed, the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said.

Mrs. Gandhi called the elections after the breakdown of negotiations with the militant

begin to freeze the construction of settlements in the West Bank and Gaza as a first step toward improving relations with the Reagan administration.

Lebanon, meanwhile, welcomed Sharon's resignation with great relief and, consequently, ordered the Lebanese army to take over security task from the militiamen in East Beirut (Christian area). Sharon had opposed this step, as he thought, it would weaken his influence and that of the Sharonists in Lebanon. The Lebanese armed forces took over their responsibility in that area last Tuesday, in cooperation with the multinational forces.

But, at the same time, Maj. Saad Haddad took some tangible steps with Israel's support to expand the horizon of his "state" to Sidon, covering nearly a quarter of Lebanon and reaching a distance of 40 kms. from the Israeli borders. Such a step shows that Sharon's exit from the Defense Ministry did not, and would not, change much of Israel's plots in the region.

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Although the spot market trades only about three million barrels a day, or seven percent of non-communist world demand, it is increasingly recognized as an important barometer.

The British government, meanwhile, put an optimistic interpretation on the BNOC recommendation. An energy department spokesman said the government believed a modest fall in oil prices would be, on balance, good for the world and British economies. "It is nonsense to suggest that BNOC is leading the market down. BNOC is doing no more than reflecting market conditions and the market has already moved downwards in price," he said.

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